THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY

The Descendants of Lawrence Dameron of Virginia,
Who had a land patent in Northumberland
County, 1652, his children being:
Bartholomew, George, Thomas,
Samuel, Lawrence, Jr.,
and Dorothy.

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iii. THE DESCENDANTS OF LAZARUS DAMERON AND ELIZABETH SMITH OF ALBEMARLE, Research by Alimae Aiken and others.

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THE DAMERONS OF KENTUCKY AND WEST VIRGINIA

Research by Luther F. Damron of
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Others.

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THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY: APPENDICES.

C O N T E N T S

CAPTIONS FOR PAGE OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE KENTUCKY AND VIRGINIA DAMERONS

Top Row: REV. WILLIAM HENRY DAMERON, of Brunswick County, Va. His grandson, M.F. Cleaton, of Roanoke, Va. sent me this picture and wrote: "My grandfather, William H. Dameron, started the Methodist Church in his section by teaching Sunday School in his living room. He was an intelligent man, with a wonderful wife to help him. He had a good library. He started Good Hope, Shady Grove, Liberty, still at Alberta. He gave the five acres and mostly built the church. He was ordained at Elizabeth City, N.C. by Bishop Marvin (hence my name). He never took pay for preaching but some way he was fairly prosperous, owned farms, store and mill. He left several small notes, he had helped people, they were worthless. This shows the kind of man he was, a real Dameron. There was nothing soft or mushy about him. He helped other denominations hold evangelistic services. The name of his main church was the Liberty Church, Methodist Episcopal, Alberta, Brunswick County, Va. which he built. My grandfather had four sons, 1 daughter (my mother). Two sons died in the Civil War of fever. The other two, Joseph and John, had families. Joseph lived in Brunswick County, near Smoky Ordinary, and had eight children, William, George, John and Walter, all dead but Walter. John married Tempie Williams and had a family, the four boys were Barker, M.D., dead, William, a banker in Warrenton, N.C. etc. Barker Dameron lives in Rockymount, N.C. where he is a successful insurance and business man. John Dameron, Petersburg, Va. is the son of Joseph's son John. Miss Tempie Dameron of Warrenton, N.C. is a graduate of Greensboro, N.C. College and was a missionary to Korea several years ago. I have a nephew, Hugh Leach, who is President of the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond, Va. His brother, Archer, is a prominent accountant, Leach & others. I have retired from the real estate, sales, rental and developing of land companies. I am still building for sale and rentals. I was born Sept. 4th, 1878, am still a young man, expect to devote my time to building. I sold out my real estate and rental and insurance business. I was born in Greensville County, adjoining Brunswick Co. about eight miles from grandfather William Henry Dameron. My mother inherited his home place, now a part of Alberta. The S.A. L.R.R. crosses the Virginian here. It is certainly wonderful of you to give so much of time and effort to the Dameron genealogy work and I want to thank you for myself and I am sure for others of the Dameron kin folks, and if you write to the others who did so much work, thank them for me and for others who I know appreciate the efforts of all of you."

JULIA MANGUM, wife of Rev. W. H. Dameron 1809-1892. She was b. 3-1-1812, d. 2-18-1892, and was the daughter of Col. Joshua Mangum, C.S.A., of North Hampton County, N.C. They were married 12-14-1836.

THOMAS MIFFLIN LADD, age 21 in 1821, a portrait. Capt. John Dameron m. Anna Ladd

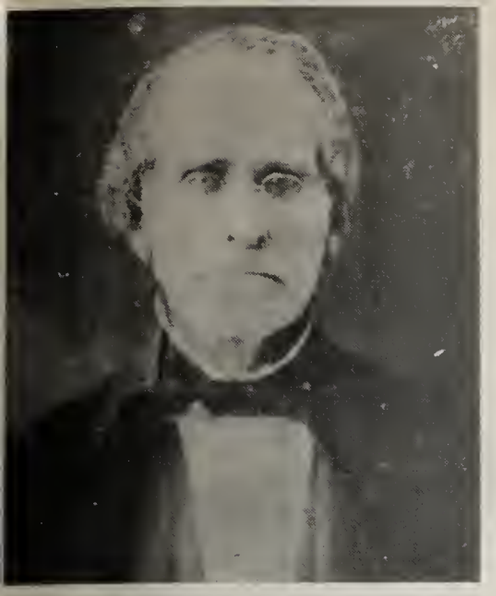
Middle Row: LOUISE H. DAMERON, grand-daughter of Edward Porteous Dameron of Kentucky. She is a writer and did part of the research for this book and part of the index.

LOOKING OUT ON THE YEOCOMICO RIVER FROM THE TOWN OF KINSALE, VA. where it enters the Potomac River. Westmoreland County is on the left and Northumberland on the right. The 1652 Dameron grant at the Yeocomico mouth would be on the right.

Bottom row: MARGUERITE MILLIKEN, grand-daughter of Elizabeth Kennedy Dameron, and daughter of Maria Jane Thomas who m. her cousin, Col. Paul Minor Milliken.

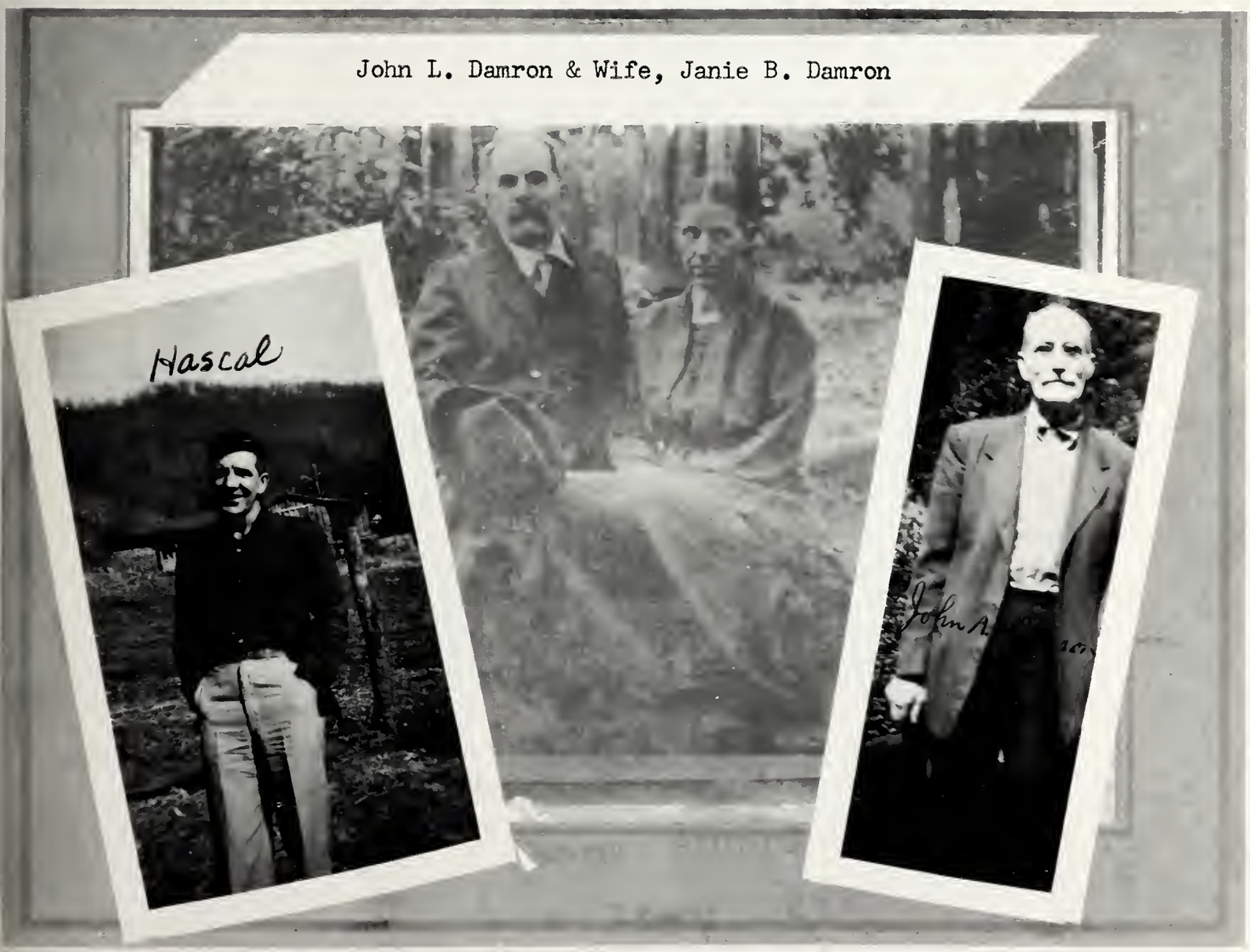
ELIZABETH THATCHER THOMAS m. Hiram Jones. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Kennedy Dameron 1832-1884 and a descendant of Edward Porteous Dameron of Kentucky.

EDWARD PORTEOUS DAMERON of Kentucky, 1802-1862, an old silhouette. He was b. in Virginia and m. Maria Gregg Kennedy of Mentor, Ky. 1831. Elizabeth Kennedy Dameron 1832-1884 was their daughter and m. Wm. Hunton Thomas.



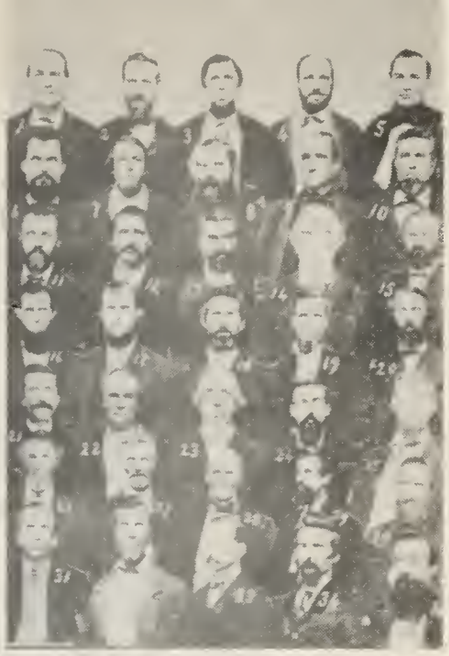

Yeocomico River

John L. Damron & Wife, Janie B. Damron



JOHN SHULTZ DAMRON 1818-1905 AND SALLY DAUGHERTY 1829-1911
(Standing) CHARLES L. DAMRON 1871-1941, YOUNGEST SON

(Upper left) George W. Damron, b. 1875, President, Damron Family Organization, (right) Laura 'Lou' Louisa Damron (Bedford), 1850-1944, with her brothers, Charles L. Damron (Left and Milton (right) b. 1864, last survivors of this generation. (Lower left) Laura Louisa Bedford with her great-grandchildren. (Lower left) Milton W. Damron b. 1864 and his brother Charle L. Damron, taken at the Damron Family Reunion, 1940, Orange, California.



CAPTIONS FOR THE PAGE OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TEXAS DAMERONS

Top Row: MILTON WESLEY DAMRON, b. May 10, 1824, Weakley County, Tenn., the fourth child of John Damron, Jr. and Sarah Elizabeth Shultz. He died Apr. 28, 1887, at his home in Salado, Bell Co., Texas. "He and his parents were members of the Mercer colony who settled on the Trinity River in Texas Dec. 20, 1844," Annabel Walker wrote, daughter of Martha Salado Damron, and granddaughter of Milton Damron.

SARAH PENNINGTON, who m. above Milton Wesley Damron in Travis County, Texas, in 1846. She was b. in Missouri 1832 and d. in 1876. John Pennington was also with the Mercer colony which settled Texas and his descendant said there were 109 persons in the Mercer colony he came with. Her mother was Catherine Caulfield.

MILTON WESLEY DAMRON is No. 27 in the above picture of the Masonic Lodge of Salado, Texas, No. 296. Tyler's History of Texas, says he was with the Bell County Rangers organized to fight Indians and lived on the LamLasas near Comanche Gap. He was Capt. of Company D, 18 Reg. Texas, Volunteer Cavalry 1860, in the Civil War.

Next Row: MARTHA SALADO DAMRON, who m. John Richardson July 4, 1878, in Salado, Tex. She was the daughter of Milton Wesley Damron and Sarah Pennington, who had only three children, the others being Louisa Cathrine b. 1856, who m. J.H. Aiken, and Sarah b. 1850, who died young. Martha Salado Damron was b. Nov. 30, 1860, in Salado, Bell Co., Texas, and died Jan. 27, 1928. The child is Annabel Richardson (Walker) b. Jan. 26, 1884."The picture was taken 1887 in Texas, the year we came to Washington Territory," Annabel Walker wrote, who also said: "Mother was a little, proud, soft-spoken Southern lady that everyone loved. None of us girls are like her, all like our father's side. Mother was fair-skinned and had dark brown hair. Dad was medium. Four of my brothers had light blond hair and one, Jack, was dark like the Damrons in California. My mother and father were highly respected citizens of Gray's Harbor. And Dad held many offices of trust. He was a member of the first Council of Hoquiam and post-master under Grover Cleveland, later Mayor of Hoquiam. Dad was in real estate."

MARTHA SALADO DAMRON, on the left, and on the right her sister, LOUISA CATHERINE, taken in their 'teens in Salado, Texas. "Lou was the eldest."

LOUISA CATHERINE DAMRON b. Aug. 16, 1856, in Salado, Texas, with her husband James Herman Aiken. She died Jan. 18, 1904, in Salado. Her daughter, Alice Mary (Alimae) Aiken, head of the Art Dept. in Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va. sent the following data on this family. The (OTHER?) children of Louisa Catherine Damron were:

1. Elmer Damron Aiken m. Zela Maxey. Their son John Aiken m. Virla Elkins and had children Alimae G., John and Carroll Jeanette.

2. Lula Myrtle Aiken m. Ernest Bains Caskey and had children, William Herman Caskey and Celeta Christine Caskey who m. James W. Simmons and lives on Falls Road, Dallas, Texas, their children being Rebecca Louise, Celeta Christine, Shirley and James William Simmons. William Herman Caskey m. Martha Gilliland, ch. Martha Janice and John Herman. Martha Janice Caskey m. Louis Sills, ch. Cynthia Louise and Janis Ann. John Herman Caskey m. Barbara Webb.

3. James Herman Aiken and Leila Hill, they had no children.

4. Carl Howard Aiken and Anna Hamblem, ch: James Herman Aiken, Carl Howard Aiken, Lou Alice Aiken, William Hamblem Aiken, Gray Damron Aiken, Charles Henry Aiken. James Herman Aiken m. Jimmie Rinshaw but has no children. Carl Howard m. Anna Laura Lord and had son Carl Howard Aiken. Lou Alice m. Clifton Durham, ch. Clifton. William Hamblem m. Rosemary Pope, ch. William Hamblen and Rosemary. Gray Damron m. Geneva England, ch. James Carlton Aiken. Charles Henry m. Anna Marie Burtner, ch. Edward Aiken. 5. Josephine Salado Aiken m. L. Joe. Bates and had Mary Jo. Bates.

BOTTOM ROW: Annabel Richardson who m. Elkanah R. Walker, of Hoquiam, Washington.

CAPTIONS FOR THE PAGE OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE FAMILY OF SARAH MARGARET MOODY

Top row: Ruth Foster (Bullock), on the left, with her brothers and sisters, except Clive. Ruth Foster Bullock and her husband had the multilithing and the photographs done for the Foster genealogy and some of the photographs for the Dameron genealogy.

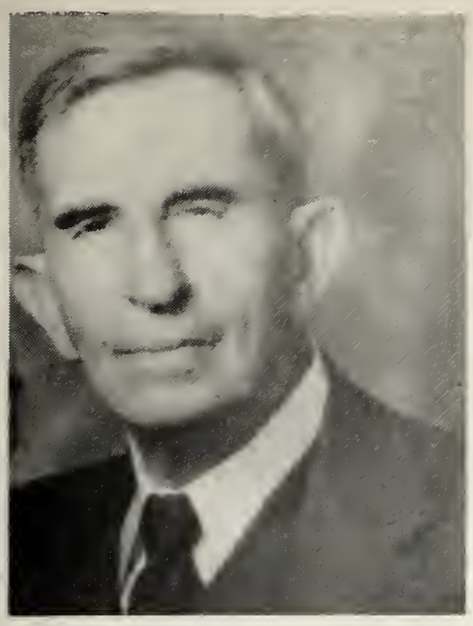
Old pioneer house in St. George built in New England colonial-style by Solon Foster, Sr. and Sarah Downing. Solon Foster, Jr. and his wife Sarah Margaret Moody lived here and all their children were born here. The widow remarried in1896 Dr. Frederic Clift and their two children were born in the same house, Clive and Vyv. Sarah Margaret Moody 1859-1938 was the daughter of Sarah Matilda Damron and John Monroe Moody, and the only child who lived beyond infancy except Joseph Milton Moody. Dr. Frederic Clift was the son of Richard Clift and Christian Botreaux (Hollocombe). He was b. Aug. 1, 1847, in Cornwall, England, and educated at the Grammar School at Helston, at University College, London, and at the College of St. Mary Magdalene, in the University of Cambridge, taking the degree of B.A. in 1870, M.L. in 1873, and L.L.C. in 1879. He began the study of medicine in 1866 under Lathman, Humphry and Sir George Paget at Cambridge but subsequently studied law and became a member of the Inner Temple in London in 1867. His first wife was Felicia Victoria Jones, daughter of Felix Jones, captain in the Royal Indian Navy and Political Agent for the British Government in Bagdad and the Persian Gulf; they had two children Frederic H. Clift and Cyril W. Clift. He was secretary of the Norwood Cottage Hospital in England and vice-president of the same. He travelled extensively and finally settled in the United States where he married Sarah Margaret Moody Foster Dec. 31, 1896, and they had two children as follows:

Middle row: Clive Hollocombe Clift, b. Oct. 31, 1900. He took a job with the Burroughs Adding Machine Company in 1918 and was for many years branch Service Manager in Montana and Idaho, being now manager in Spokane, Washington, address 3115 Grace Street. On Aug. 9, 1924, he m. Myrtle Gleneva Davis, daughter of Albert Frederick Davis and Jennie Mae Wilson,and they had one child: Gleneva Mae Clift b. Apr. 18, 1926, who married Kenneth White, and had several children.

Vyvyan Botreaux Clift, b. 1898, d. Sept. 4, 1943, from a heart attack while playing golf in Los Angeles, Calif., where he was Secretary and Treasurer of the Maytag West Coast Company and First Counselor to the Bishop of Arlington Ward in Los Angeles. The name Botreaux comes from the Cornwall family and the Heraldry Encyclopedia describes this family giving a coat of arms as "Silver, three toads sable," quartered in the 16th century as a second coat of arms, the more ancient coat being a griffon, but the word Botreau or Boterel signifies a little toad in the old French tongue. This family genealogy would be easy to find in Cornwall. On May 11, 1922, he m. Ella Amanda Peterson, dau. of Hugo D.E. Peterson and Axeline Manuella Nielson, now residing at 4010 South Bronson Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. They had two children: (1) Vyvyan Stanley Clift b. Oct. 25, 1923, res. 10721 S. Pangborn,Downey, Calif. and (2) Dolores Clift b. June 10, 1928.

Bottom row: Edgar Foster, b. Sept. 14, 1884, d. Apr. 11, 1928, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He married Roxie Coates who died young leaving three children: Bernice Foster, who m. Jules LaShever, and lives in Los Angeles, Calif. having one daughter; Paul DeWayne Foster b. Aug. 16, 1911, m. Ola Walker of Texas, their ch. being Lance DeWayne Foster b. 1939, Paula Olivia b. 1940, and Margaret Jean b. 1943, Norco Calif. The third child, Clark Gene Foster b. Sept. 18, 1913, died unmarried Apr. 27, 1945. He was on the battleship "Twiggs" when it was brought down by a submarine and was buried on Okinawa. Edgar Foster was the son of Sarah Margaret Moody and Solon Foster, Jr. and grandson of Sarah Matilda Damron and John Monroe Moody.

Ruth Hedges Foster, b. May 25, 1892, youngest child of Solon Foster, Jr. and Sarah Margaret Moody. On June 14, 1922, she m. Sil Engilman b. Sept. 19, 1889, in Witchita, Kansas. They had two children: Margaret Louise and Silvon Foster Engilman.



George Moody
1860 - 1950

Thomas Alfonzo Moody
1866 - 1945

Cynthia Elizabeth Damron Moody
1837 - 1872

Victoria Regenia Moody Hawley
1863 - 1950

Milton Moody
1867 - 1934

William Alfred Moody
1870 - Living in 1953

Cynthia Elizabeth DAMRON Moody and her five children

CHARTS SHOWING THE DESCENDANTS OF LAWRENCE DAMERON, WHO CAME TO VIRGINIA BEFORE 1652, WITH HIS WIFE DOROTHY, THEIR CHILDREN BEING: BARTHOLOMEW, ELDEST, GEORGE, THOMAS, SAMUEL, LAWRENCE, JR. AND DOROTHY, WHO MARRIED JOSIAS GASKINS

- DOROTHY b. 1656, m. (1) Josias Gaskins, (2) Samuel Mahan
  - JOSIAS, JR.
  - DOROTHY m. Onecephrus Harvey, a Quaker
- LAWRENCE, youngest son, given 324 acres in Yeocomico Parish, 1669, by his mother
  - JOSEPH
    - Mary b. 1714, St. Stephens' Parish
- GEORGE d. 1698, of Wicomico Parish, m. Elizabeth, wid. of John Dennis
  - ELIZABETH m. Charles Ingram
    - JOHN m. Hannah Pines
      - SARAH m. Christopher Dameron
  - GEORGE, Inv. 1721, m. Margaret, dau. Lazarus Taylor (she m. (2) Thomas Winter, 1746
    - JUDITH m. Richard Howson
    - ELIZABETH m. John Waddy (2), Robert Pinkard
      - JOHN
      - THOMAS m. Anne Dameron
      - ELIZABETH m. Joseph Dameron, W. 1759
        - NANCY
      - MARY m. Bartholomew Dameron
  - Col. THOMAS, 1683-1750, of Wicomico, m. (1) Katherine Hughlett, (2) Winifred, wid. of Edward Fielding, (3) Ann Ball, wid. John Pope
    - GEORGE 1731-1801 m. Mary Anne Jones, lived at Guarding Point, Wicomico
      - ALICE m. Giddings
      - ROBERT, of Wicomico
      - THOMAS
      - GEORGE
      - WASHINGTON
    - ELIZABETH m. Samuel Downing, Sr.
    - WINIFRED m. Samuel Downing, Jr.
    - THOMAS, of St. Stephens', d.s.p.
    - ANNE m. Thomas Waddy, 1764
  - LAZARUS, d. 1749, Albemarle Co., m. Elizabeth Smith, dau. of Richard
    - HANNAH
    - GEORGE, m. Anne Thany, res. Albemarle and Buckingham Cos., Va.
      - MICHAEL, of Buckingham Co. 1784
        - DUNMORE, m. Patsy Cox
          - John, Drury C., Zachariah, Samuel, Leland, Charles, Polly? Res. Nelson, Amherst & Albemarle, Va.
      - GEORGE m. Susanah Thomas; moved to Ky.
        - George, John T., Robert T., Mickey m. Richard Gentry, Samuel, Joseph, Wilson m. Sarah McClain. Res. Green and Adair Counties, Ky.
    - RICHARD, d.s.p.
    - JOHN, d. 1757
      - CHARLES
    - MOSES, inherited father's estate
    - JUDITH, m. 1753 Noble Ladd
    - WINIFRED m. John Thomas
      - CHARLES
      - ANNE m. Capt. John Damron, b. 1757, Rev. soldier
    - LAZARUS, of Russell Co., Va. and Floyd Co., Ky.
    - RICHARD, of Russell and Floyd
      - BUCK
        - ALEX
          - MOSES m. Jennie Mullins, 1812, Pike Co., Ky.
          - LAZARUS, ch. Samuel, Moses, Wm., John Tom, Lazarus, Jane, Paulina.
    - MOSES, of Russell and Fleming
    - CAPT. JOHN, b. 1757 m. Anne Ladd

CHART B

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, of Northumberland County, Va. m. Dorothy _____

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II. BARTHOLOMEW, 1645-1708, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Christopher Garlington, and lived in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va.

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ELIZA MARY SARAH BARTHOLOMEW, W.1735,

JOHN, youngest, W. 1743, Wicomico, m. 1728 Elizabeth, dau. Thomas Taylor (she m. 2nd George Flowers)

JOSIAH, of Mattapony, m. 1716, wid. of Pemberton Claughton.

CHRISTOPHER, W. 1764, m. Sarah, dau. of George Ball and cousin of George Washington's mother. She moved to Brunswick

LAWRENCE, of Mattapony, St. Stephens' Parish, Va.

:

BARTHOLOMEW, W. pr. 1807, m. Mary Waddy?

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BARTHOLOMEW m. Lucy
THOMAS, m. Nancy Ann Ball
ELIZABETH W. m. Rev. Lewis Lunsford and (2) Elisha Carter, moved to Ky. and Mo.

JOSEPH, W. 1759 m. Elizabeth Waddy

THOMAS, W. 1766

JOHN, W. 1777, Halifax, N.C. m. Sarah Tignor

WILLIAM, left an orphan, guardian his uncle Christopher; Will proved 1773 by wife? Susannah, children not named in will but are mentioned

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WILLIAM, Will 1785, of Heathsville, Va. m. Elizabeth, her will 1792

:

GEORGE

CHRISTOPHER, Inv. 1836

:

Alexander

LUKE, moved to Westmoreland

Dau. m. Leroy Oldham

WILLIAM, W. 1821, of St. Stephens' Parish -

:

Dau. m. Lewis

:

Edward Dameron Lewis

ROGER m. dau. of Dr. Jones, Leannah. He lived in Richmond Co. Va. and Northumberland Co., Va.

:

JOHN, heir

LUKE, m.1794 Jemima Harrison

FANNY m. Richardson

:

Eliza Mary

WILLIAM m. Nancy, St. Stephens Parish

BARTHOLOMEW, m. Lucy Lewis

:

JOHN CORBIN, in War of 1812, m. Hester ____ He was b. 1784.

MOLLEY DRAPER, b. 1786

LUKE WILLIAMS, b. 1789, m. Polly C. Dameron

WILLIAM, b. 1792, m. Lucinda Sandy, 1818, & Harriet Lewis

:

HENRY C. JEREMIAH J. VIRGINIA

CHARLES m. Nancy Pope and (2) Jane (Janetta) Keene, 1822 He d. Jan.19, 1848

:

ELIZABETH A., d. s. p.
JOSEPH McADAM b. 1823
MARY E. J. b. 1827
JAMES ALBERT b. 1832
HENRY LAWSON b. 1836

WILLIAM, m. Milly He was b. 1777, Richmond County, Va.

:

JOSEPH m. Sarah Hammack & Alice Edwards

:

JOSEPH m. Amelia Ambrose

:

SAMUEL L. m. Ethel G. Sisson
LAURA B. m. C. H. Fones
FANNY C. m. Lucius Balderson

MARTHA M. John J. Shackleford

JOHN C. m. Lucy ____

RICHARD L. m. Alice Harper

:

HESTER E. m. John Sydnor
LOVEMMA m. Chales H. Fallin
MARY S.

:

ALICE J. m. Wm. S. Obeir
LOTICIA ANN m. Frederick Tyson
MARY FRANCES m. Henry Taylor

BARZELLA JAMES m. Isabelle Edwards

ANDREW F. J. m. Elizabeth H. Richardson

CHARLES STEPTOE, m. Mary Adeline Anderson

BENJAMIN WILMORE, m. Ida Edwards Hudnall

FERDINAND J.
JOSEPHINE K.
DRUCILLA A. m. John Wesley Anderson
SARAH FRANCES

CHART C.

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III. ELIZA, MARY, SARAH, LAWRENCE

BARTHOLOMEW JOSIAH (See Chart B for above.)

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CHRISTOPHER, Will 1764, m. Sarah, dau. of George Ball, and cousin of George Washington's mother. The widow moved to Brunswick Co., Va. with her sons Samuel, Joseph, Bartholomew.

BARTHOLOMEW, Will 1807 (See other chart.)

JOSEPH, heir, of Northumberland, Will 1759 m. Elizabeth Waddy

NANCY

THOMAS, Will 1766, of Wicomico

THOMAS, LAZARUS sole heir

JO.

AARON m. Eliz. Perkins

MOSES

JOHN m. Sarah or Sukey Tignor. He d. 1777 Halifax Co., N.C.

BETTY m. Williams

Sarah,

Judith,

Tignor, Rev. soldier, sold land 1789 Halifax Co., N.C.

Christopher, heir

Joseph m. Haynie, moved to Green & Lincoln Cos., Tenn.

John, of Green and Lincoln Cos., Tenn. m. Elizabeth

BARTHOLOMEW, heir to entail m. Anne Moorehead, in Brunswick, 1768

MARY

GRACE

SARAH m. 1st Josias Gaskins, 2nd Lattimore

ELIZABETH, m. John Coppedge and 2nd Isaac Coppedge

SAMUEL, 1784 bought land in Brunswick, youngest

JOHN W. 1782, Lancaster Co., Va. m. Rachel sister of Lott Palmer

JOSEPH m. 1762 Patience Coppedge, and was taxed in Brunswick, 1782 Will 1818, Caswell

CHRISTOPHER, of Brunswick Co., Va. and Caswell Co., N.C. m. Sarah Ingram

ALEXANDER, 1765-1823, m. Becky Lightfoot, ch: MARY m. Johnson, BETSEY, BLANCHE, ANGELINA m. Browder, JAMES, went to Mississippi, and a son WILLIAM HENRY, m. Julia Mangum, 1836. He was b. 1809, d. 1892, Brunswick Co., Va. Ch:

HANNAH, JEMIMA, m. Webb m. Webb

SAMUEL

JOHN

JOHN BARTHOLOMEW, 1775-1847 m. Rebecca Malone

CHRISTOPHER, unm. 1808

JOHN TYLER, m. Nancy May Love

WM. LEWIS

JUDITH, m. Jos. Knight, Caswell, N.C.

THOMAS W. m. Sally Roberts

THOMAS, Jr.

PATIENCE, m. Eagan

BETSEY

GEORGE BALL b. 1771 m. Mary W. Moore, had 13 children

JOSEPH b. 1763, Rev. soldier of Amelia and Caswell Cos. Va., & N.C.

GEORGE W., d.s.p. 1863

WM. THOMAS, d.s.p. 1862

JOSEPH H. m. Maria Short

GEORGE of Crozier, Va.

MARY WINIFRED m. Francis Hicks Cleaton

MARY THOMAS m. James A. Leach

VIOLA JULIA m. Richard Toone

MARTHA HIBERNIA m. L. F. Fleming

SUSIE CHILDS CLEATON m. Rev. Lester Weaver

MARVIN FRANCIS m. Mattie Virginia Skeen

JOHN ALEXANDER m. Tempe B. Williams, of Warrenton, N.C.

MEN OF NORTHUMBERIAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA, TAKING OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO ENGIAND (VIRGINIA HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, P. 33), 1652

"Wee whose names are subscribed doe promise and Ingage ourselves to be true and faithfull to the Commonwealth of England as it is now established without King or House of Lordes.

John Mottrom
Tho: Speke
John Trussell
Willie Yeresly
Wal Brodhurst
Nicholas Morris
Ri: Flynt
Peter Knight
Jacob Coutanceau
Henry Rayner
Hugh Lee
George Colclough
John Haynie
Tho Gaskins
John Dennis*
John Mottrom
John Gresham
Tho Hales*
Will: Thomas
Rich: Budd*
Simon Richardson
George Allan
Matthew Rhodon
William Vincent
Isaac Weaver*
John Waddy*
Tho: Kingwell
Rich: Holden*
Abraha Byram*
John Hayward*
Thomas Gaskins
Geo Hele*

Ralph Horsley*
Wm. Medcalfe*
Philip Carpenter
Tho. Brewer*
Tho. Prickett*
Jo Powell*
Willia Presly
Robert Smith
Andrew Coex (?)*
Walter Weekes
Richard Hubball
Wm. Spicer*
Tho Bailes*
David Spiller*
Henry Hurst*
James MacGreggor*
John Essex*
Wm. Allenson*
Cornelius Robinson*
Roger Pullen*
Sebone(?) Bishop
John Bennett
Henry Cartwright
Peter Presly
JohnAires*
Henry Toppin*
Tho Haile*
Jo Kent*
Tho Coggin*
Wm. Reynolds*
John Bailes*
Wm. Cornish*

Rich Claire*
Alex Mardwell*
The Salisbury
Edw. Henly*
Tho. Keene*
Tho: Broughton
John Earle
Wm. Warder*
John Stanley*
Edw: Hudson*
Hen: Barnes*
James Willis*
Tho: Sheapard*
Hen: Mosley*
Rob: Newman*
Rich: Walker*
Charles Ashton
John Ingorom
John Smith
Th. Wilsford
John Bradshawe
Luke Dyne*
James Claughton
Samuell Smyth
Willm Cocke
Natty Hickman
Robert Bradshaw
Humfry ffulford
John Hollowes
John Rosier
John Walton
Andrew Munroe
Daniel Lisson

John Tew
Lewes Gilman*
Gershon Cromwell*

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(*Names so marked were signed with the signer's marks.)

(Above was sent by Irene Rivers Schow. She said Lawrence Dameron was not on the list.)

"The oath transcribed above was recorded at a court held for the county of Northumberland on the 13th day of April 1652, the testimonial of George Fletcher having been executed in advance of the meeting of the court. This date was approximately one month after the ship bearing Cromwell's Commissioners drew up before Jamestown and demanded the surrender of Virginia. Although the Virginians were prepared to resist, they held a conference with the Commissioners and surrendered after due deliberation, realizing that the odds were against them."

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(Note by HFS: In 1649 the Virginia Merchant arrived in Virginia with about 300 Cavalier refugees and the Northern Neck was the place they hoped to live as it was under patent to the Culpeppers, whowere Cavaliers. It was issued by the King 1649 and an Act of Parliament declared it forfeit in 1651. A Virginia Puritan, Richard Bennett, became Governor of Virginia Apr. 30, 1652. Virginia, like England and New England, was a Republic until 1660 when the Restoration of Charles II took place. In 1651 Cromwell had shipped 1,610 prisoners of war taken at Worcester, mostly Scots, to Virginia. The Balls and Washingtons were Royalist sympathizers. Above Andrew Monroe was the ancestor of the President. The Lees were also Cavaliers. The word Cavalier meant on the side of the King, common soldiers were also called so.

It was Louise H. Dameron, now living in Sarasota, Florida, who had Mrs. Keach do her Dameron genealogy many years ago and many additional notes are to be found in the appendices to this book. Mrs. Keach wrote to her: "My descent is from Lawrence Dameron's son George and my great-grandfather was Thomas, Sr. who was the neighbor of Thomas, Jr. My mother was the youngest child of parents who were not young. . . Two very good genealogists gave me assistance in the Dameron records some years ago. They went to Northumberland County for me. Then in addition I had a copyist afterwards at work for nearly two years. That will give you a feeling that what is sent is authoritative. The Damerons were singularly free from the early scandals though there are necessarily some members in so large a family who were not specially creditable.

"I have gone through more than two hundred pages of copies from record books and as many from Order Books. After the work is done it looks easy enough but there are always many problems to make out and prove, where there are so many of thesame 'given name.' But in this case, the proof that Thomas Dameron, Jr. is your Thomas who went to Kentucky is perfect and absolute and no one could be more surprised than I am at finding the records so complete...

"The Damerons were land-owning and will-making people and it is a satisfaction to trace one's descent without a break on a straight line back to the immigrant from England."

In the Colonial Dames records, Mrs. Otis A. Keach is No. 1511, 1915, thus:

" Anna Frances Handley, seventh in descent from Capt. John Haynie;

Grace Haynie Ball, daughter of Anthony Haynie, grand-daughter of Capt. John Haynie;

Capt. John Haynie, Burgess, County Surveyor, King's Attorney, gentleman Justice and officer in the Susquehanna War, 1676."

Louise H. Dameron also wrote: "The name Dameron means wisdom and knowledge. French spellings: Damelon, Demolin, Demuleen, Demoulin. Compounds: Damer- D'Amour- Demar- Demier- Demory- Dimier- Dameron. Have destroyed the original copy of this and did not save the reference. I found it in the New York Library. I also had a record of a deposition by Dorothy and Bartholomew (I think) to the effect that Simon Bashford and his wife were married at the home of Mr. George Dameron. It was to prove his identity so he could claim some property in England. I have a Campbell County, Ky. record "Thomas L. Dameron and Susan Kiser, 5 Dec. 1850." Do not know where these belong. The Kiser family lived in Campbell Co. I knew a Miss Marshall Kiser who went to Hawaii and married a sugar planter there. The last I heard of her she was a widow and living in Texas. Do not know who the parents of Thomas L. were."

Mrs. Cornelius tried to trace down the theory that the wife of Bartholomew Dameron[1] was Elizabeth, dau. of Christopher Garlington, and wrote: "The following Court orders are all there are in regards to Christopher Garlington's children. Their names are not known: "Northumberland County C.O. 1678-1713, p. 2, Aug. 21, 1678, Petition of Mrs. Joane Garlington, Relict of Mr. Xpher Garlington for her third & for dividing Est. between said Joane and the children of said Garlington." Also: "Northumberland County, C. O. Book, 1699-1713, p. 211, July 15, 1702, George Dameron, orphan son of George Dameronchose Mr. Chris. Garlington guardian." The Will of Christopher Garlington[2] refers to "brother Maurice Jones," but not to any Dameron connection.

The following notes were taken from Swem's Virginia Historical Index by Julia Dameron Old:

25 William and Mary (1), p. 46. Elizabeth Dameron m. Samuel Downing... (p. 48-9), by the death of her brother Thomas Dameron, Jr., she inherited from her grandfather, Thomas Hughlett... Sam'l Downing married about 1742, Elizabeth Dameron, dau. of Mr. Thomas Dameron and Katherine Hughlett, his wife... is mentioned in the will of her father, Thomas Dameron, dated Apr. 17, 1751, proved May 10, 1751 . . . Aug. 4, 1748, John Dameron was exec. of Samuel Snow. p. 99 Thomas Downing, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dameron) Downing... p. 100. John Downing b. May 1, 1755, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Dameron Downing.

P. 256--Elizabeth Dennis afterwards married George Dameron...

P. 262 John Waddy m. Elizabeth Dameron, dau. of Geo. and Margaret Taylor Dameron.

P. 263: Issue: 1. Thomas Waddy, son, m. Ann Dameron. 2._____. 3. Elizabeth Waddy m. Joseph Dameron Jan. 8, 1759 . . . Joseph Dameron in right of his wife, Elizabwth... asked for a division of John Waddy's estate... Elizabeth (Waddy) Dameron m. secondly, Robert Pinckard. She died in 1758... Son Thomas Waddy and son-in-law Joseph Dameron were administrators of her considerable estate.

Further notes from Jennie Harding Cornelius, July 4, 1953: "The Court Orders from 1720 to 1756 are in the State Library (Richmond) and they will not let us have them back, which was in the agreement when they were taken away from here... they take the place of many records that are lost, burned etc. There is not a record book for 1673-1705, 1714-1717, 1729-1737, which is necessary for search in this county.

"In regards to the finding of Samuel Dameron, the son of Lawrence, this is all you will ever find of this. Mr. Fleet made abstract of the C.O. and since then Mr. Duvall has made abstracts of them and he got what Mr. Fleet did not get, and it is not in either one of their abstracts. I have here every entry from their records on the Damerons. It could be some of the court orders were lost as pages were loose in the books, when they were taken from the Clerk's Office here. Some of the Damerons you do not have may have died between 1729-37, and the will not available but the court order you have of Chris. Dameron presenting the will of his brother Bartholo. Dameron is right, I am sure, and for this reason the Court Orders for this period should be searched. I cannot say who the father of William is as I do not have the Court Orders to find out. The inventory, would not give anything but his personal estate (of William, I mean), only his Admrs. name perhaps, and appraisers. I will look at this for you. There are some Damerons who spell their name Damerol here in this county and they later went to Lancaster. I had a very distant relative who married a Miss Damerol; his son is now a Methodist minister. A Charles Dameron will 1827 spells his name Damron, and it is found many ways. I can borrow Overwharton's Parish Register and see if there are any Dameron births in it, but this I doubt. As to the entry about Steph. Kean, it is from Mr. Duvall's abstracts and that is all there is for you to get, unless the deed can be read in Book 1710-13 (it was Steph. not Selph Kean, for the item on Jane and Lawrence Dameron), which I doubt. The year for 1713 cannot be read due to fading. A photostatic copy is here and the ink is run together, not indexed. If Lawrence had a son Samuel, he Lawrence (1) must have been married before he married Dorothy and this son came with him, but in the grants he is not mentioned as coming. He could have been of age at that time. This Joseph you have found in Boutetourt, I am sure is the son of Thomas d. 1766--he may be found in Augusta."

2. ELIZABETH DAMERON AND CHARLES INGRAM.

Elizabeth, daughter of George and Elizabeth Dennis Dameron, and granddaughter of the immigrant Lawrence Dameron, who came to Virginia before 1652, married Charles Ingram, and the following data was sent to me by the genealogist of the Ingram-Truett family, Earl A. Truett, Jr. 313 Wilkinson Place, Memphis, Tennessee:

I. JOHN INGRAM, Will dated 4-20-1654, married Jane _____

II. THOMAS INGRAM, Will dated 10-12-1700, m. Katherine Winter.

III. CHARLES INGRAM, d. before 2-11-1760, married Elizabeth Dameron, b. 1681.

IV. JOHN INGRAM, Will dated 2-3-1762 Brunswick County, Va. The Brunswick records show that his descendt. Sarah married Christopher Dameron, Book 17, p. 385, Nov. 30, 1798: "Christopher Dameron of the county of Caswell and State of North Carolina, appoint my son John Dameron, of the county and state aforesaid, my attorney to collect from the estate of John Ingram, dec'd the legacy left my wife, Sarah Dameron, by virtue of the said dec'd last will and testament," etc. Above John Ingram, Will, 1762, marriedHannah Pines.

V. JOSEPH D. INGRAM, b. about 1744 Culpeper County, Va. d. 3-22-1828, Anson County, N.C., Married 9-10-1774 Winifred Nelms, b. 2-28-1752, Northumberland County, Va., d. 6-6-1841. Her descent was:

i. Richard Nelms m. Ann _____.

ii. Charles Nelms 1663-1713, m. Alice ____.

iii. Charles Nelms, Jr. b. 6-27-1694, d. before 9-19-1733, m. in 1716, Mrs. Elizabeth Saunders Downing b. 1686, d. 1763, dau. of Ebenezer Saunders 1661-1693 and Elizabeth Philipps 1662-1719, dau. of Edward Philipps. Ebenezer's father was Edward Saunders 1625-1672, and his mother Mrs. Mary Webb Hudnall.

iv. Presley Nelms b. 10-5-1730, Northumberland Co., Va. d. 2-3-1797, Franklin Co., N.C. m. Elizabeth Routt, dau. of John Routt, Will pro. 7-28-1759, and Winifred Sydnor, 2-2-1713, dau. of Anthony Sydnor and Elizabeth Dew. John Routt's father was Richard Routt.

v. Winifred Nelms, b. 2-28-1752, Northumberland County, Va. d. 6-6-1841.

VI. THOMAS INGRAM b. 4-16-1789 d. 2-28-1869, m. Jemima Watkins, dau. of James Watkins b. Jan. 9, 1840, age 70, whose father was Christopher Watkins b. 1732, d. 11-6-1822, about 90, Anson Co., N.C. and his mother Jane Thomas, d. 7-6-1817, about 80. James Watkins m. Phoebe DeJarnette d. 9-13-1840, age 62. She was dau. of Capt. John DeJarnette b. 1748, Prince Edward Co., Va. d. 1785, m. 1-12-1769, Jemima Owens. Capt. John's father was Daniel DeJarnette, son of John and Mary (?) Mumford. Daniel married Martha Ford. The dau. of Thomas Ingram and Jemimia Watkins, Phoebe DeJarnette Ingram b. 1-16-1814, d. 10-19-1880, m. Abner Y. Howell b. 1805 (Census), Ga. d. 5-10-1878 Marshall Co., Miss. m.8-6-1829, Anson Co; their son William Rufus Howell b. 1837 d. 1887, m. 11-27-1865, Fannie Tarecia Snipes b. 4-4-1837, d. 4-5-1899, dau. of Young Snipes b. 10-1805, d. 3-5-1884, m. 5-13-1824, Selah Nevill b. 1-20-1807, d. 5-13-1824. (She was dau. of Jesse Nevill b. 12-29-1781,d. 4-11-1859, who m. 5-6-1802, Winifred Northwood b. 8-1-1786, d. 6-3-1854; Jesse was son of Jesse, Sr. and Elizabeth Parke.) The father ofYoung Snipes was William Snipes, son of William and Sarah Snipes. The son of William Rufus Howell, Abner Young Howell b. 11-27-1873 d. 1-15-1940, m. 12-18-1894 Vernie Ann Cain b. 5-15-1875, dau. of Calhoun Franklin Cain and Nancie Anne Rials. Their dau. Mary Christine Howell m. Earl Albert Truett b. 1-30-1896, m. 6-23-1917, in Yalobusha Co., Miss. He was son of William Thomas Truett b. 7-20-1868, d. 10-31-1914, m. 2-22-1889 in Lafayette Co., Miss. Susan Paralee Scott b. 6-12-1873, d. 4-30-1941, dau. of John L. Scott and Harriett French. William Thomas Truett was son of William Wright Truett b. 5-1-1841, Tenn. d. 1-14-1909, m. 9-18-1866, in Lafayette Co., Miss. Elizabeth Higginbotham, dau. of Edmond and Martha Ann Walker.

WILL OF GEORGE DAMERON, 1801, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Dated Feb. 19, 1801, recorded Oct. 12, 1801, Book 16, p. 288:

To son Thomas Dameron land he now lives on together with 70 acres I formerly gave sonGeorge W. Dameron, four negroes he has in his possession; to son Robert Dameron the land I now live upon and four negroes, which will appear in deed of gift, for his Mother not to be interrupted or disturbed; To daughter Alice Giddings four negroes; to wife Mary Ann Dameron all remainder of my negroes, with the two negroes I formerly gave son George W. Dameron, with future increase, during her natural life; after her decease the whole of them to be divided into three equal parts, one part to son Thomas Dameron's children, one part to Alice Giddings' children, and one part I lend to my son Robert Dameron during his natural life, after his death to his heirs lawfully begotten but should he have no heir and his wife survive him, she shall keep possession of said negroes during her widowhood but if she marry sd negroes should be equally divided among children of my son Thomas Dameron and daughter Alice Giddings. To wife Mary Ann Dameron the thirty acres of land at the Garden Point (Guarding Point) that I had formerly given my son George W. Dameron, which will appear by deed of gift, during her natural life; after her decease I give & bequeath to my son Thomas Dameron that is provided he give to my grandson Geo. D. Giddings a liberal education out of the same. To my wife Mary Ann Dameron all personal estate to will, give & dispose of as she think proper. Capt. Thos. Hurst, Henry L. Gaskins, Jesse Crowder, executors. Signed (GEORGE DAMERON) SEAL. Attested by LeRoy Nutt, Tho. Dameron, Jur., Presly X (his mark) Walker.

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WILL OF BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, 1807

This will is dated Nov. 2, 1805, recorded Oct. 12, 1807, Book 17, p. 587, Northumberland County: To wife, Mary Dameron during her natural life my estate both real & personal except such land & negroes as shall hereafter be named; to daughter Elizabeth W. Carter negro girl & negro boy during her natural life, after her decease to her heirs by her present husband Elisha Carter, to Granddaughter Maria Lunsford negro girl. Two sons Thomas and Bartholomew Dameron, to son Thomas Dameron the land whereon he now lives in Dameron Neck, to granddaughter Molley Dameron negro girl, to son Bartholomew Dameron negro boy; after decease of wife Mary Dameron the tract of land I now live on on Crane's Creek to son Bartholomew Dameron. After death of wife whole estate to be divided between two sons Thomas and Bartholomew Dameron. David Ball, Junr. (of Clover Green), Capt. Thos. Hurst and two sons Thomas and Bartholomew Dameron, executors. Signed, BARTH^{W} DAMERON SENR. (SEAL). Wit. John Snow, Senr., Charles X (his mark) Dameron, Thomas Ingram.

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WILL OF LE ROY DAMERON, 1852

This will of Le Roy Dameron dated Feb. 2, 1852, recorded Aug. 9, 1852, was in Book A, p. 39: To son Richard C. Dameron tract of land where Richard Jewel now lives subject to widow's dower. All rest of estate to be divided between all children allowing my widow her dower except Richard C. Dameron above named. Thomas S. Lyell, executor. Signed LE ROY O. DAMERON (SEAL). Witness: Chas. D. Dameron, Jeremiah Cookman.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE LAW ORDER BOOKS OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

By Alice Mary Aiken

"This report and that sent previously comprise the whole first book of over 400 pages. The next several order books have been destroyed. No Damerons are listed in the index of this first book although Ladds are. We find out from this material that Lazarus Dameron was a shoemaker and that he had his two apprentices, mentioned in his will, John Ward and English McCoy,*bound out by St. Ann's Parish and Joshua Fry surveyed land for John and George Dameron from June, 1746 to June,1747, and for Lazarus Dameron from June 1745 to June1746. John Dameron's survey was Nov. 8,1746, in the plot book. George Dameron's was Nov. 29, 1746, plot book. Lazarus Dameron's survey was Mar. 25-6, 1746, according to the plot book.

"Dr. John W. Wayland of Harrisonburg, Va. historian and writer, says that at this early time sometimes permission was given to proceed with surveys while the formalities of recording patents were completed a year later."

ORDER BOOK I, ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

"October 10, 1746. Ordered a Ferry be kept from the land of William Battersby, Gent. to the mouth of Totier Creek on the land of Daniel Scott and that the present road from the Court House be turned by Mr. Battersby's House and that John Ladd, Noble Ladd and the Hands of William Battersby do open the same. WILLIAM BATTERSBY, Overseer. ORDERED that the Court be adjourned till the Court in Course. ALLEN HOWARD.

Grand Jury, Nov. 13, 1746. Noble Ladd is listed.

"November 15, 1746. On the petition of Allen Howard, Gent. leave is given him to build a mill at the Great Falls of Rockfish River, William Cabell being present concented to the same whose concent on the motion of the said Howard is Ordered to be Recorded."

"February 2, 1746, p. 219. On the motion of LAZARUS DAMERON, It is Ordered the Church Wardens of St. Anne Parish do bind out John Ward according to law."

"February 14, 1746-7. Mathew Branch, Assignee of Charles Thomas, against George Holmes Gwinn--IN DEBT." (Note by A.A.--This could not have been John Thomas' son. He would not have been grown.)

"The Defendant not appearing, Ordered that Judgment be Entered for the Plaintiff against the said Defendant and Anthony Christian his Security for Thirty Pounds and Costs but to be Discharged by payment of Fourteen Pounds Seven Shillings and Two Pence with interest per annum to be computed from the XIJ day of August MDCCXLVI to the time of Payment & Costs.

"Mathew Branch, Asignee of Charles Thomas against John Finley--IN DEBT. The Defendant failing to Appear on the motion of Plaintiff by his attorney, an attachment is awarded him against the Defendants estate for Twenty Pounds & Costs returnable here at next Court."

(*Note: Lazarus' great-grandson of Ft. Gay, W. Va. was also a shoemaker. In this day trades were often handed down for several generations. Could English McCoy have been an ancestor of the famous Hatfield-McCoy feud?--A.A. "The McCoys originated in Maryland, came west to Big Sandy, but Russell County, Va. was Hatfield country."--Henry P. Scalf, Prestonburg, Ky. historian of the county.

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February 14, 1746-7, Book 1, p. 225:"John Coles & Company against Richard Dameron, IN DEBT. And the said Defendant comes by William Battersby by his Attorney and Defends the force and Injury whereby and prays Judgment of the Plaintiff. WRIT. WRIT AND DECLARATION aforesaid because he saith that there is Variance between them, the Writ containing Twenty Pounds Damages and the Declaration blank pounds Damages also there is Variance between the said Writing called Obligatory and the said Declaration the said Writing being to pay John Coles and Company only; and this he is ready to verify wherefore the said Defendant prays Judgment that the said Writ and Declaration may be Quashed & the etc.

"The Plaintiff by James Meredith his attorney moves the Court for leave to amend his Declaration which is allow'd him on paying costs, etc."

"March 12, 1746-7, Book 1, p. 233: "John Coles & Company against Richard Dameron, IN DEBT. And the Aforesaid Richard Dameron comes in his proper person and Defends the Force and Injury whereby and says that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of the aforesaid John Coles & Company but that he ows to the said John Coles & Company Four Pounds Seven Shillings and Eight pence half penny in manner and form as the aforesaid John Coles and Company complains against him. Therefore, it is considered the said John Coles and Company recover against the aforesaid Richard Dameron their Debt aforesaid Together with Fifteen Shillings (or one Hundred and fifty Pounds of Tobacco) for a lawyers fee and ninty-nine Pounds of neet Tobacco for their Damages which they both sustained as well by reason of Detaining that Debt as for their Costs and Charges and Changes by them about their Inst. in this Behalf, and the said Richard Dameron in mercy, etc."

"April 9th,1747 (Book 1, p. 268.) "Ordered Lazarus Dameron with his three sons Thomas Tindall Benjamin Tindall John Clark Charles Bond & his Tithables Richard Hall John Hall with Thomas McDaniel and his hands do clear the Road from the Court House to Shepards Ford. Lazarus Dameron Overseer."

March 14, 1746-7, Book 1, p. 260: Mathew Branch, Assignee of Charles Thomas, against George Holms Gwinn, IN DEBT. Judgment "for Thirty Pounds Together with Fifteen shillings (or One Hundred and fifty Pounds of Tobacco) for a lawyer's fee and eighty-five pounds of neet Tobacco for his Costs."

March 14, 1746-7, Book 1, p. 260: "Mathew Branch, Assee. of Charles Thomas, against John Fenly, IN DEBT." Judgment for plf. "for Twenty Pounds Together with fifteen Shillings (or One Hundred and fifty Pounds of Tobacco, for lawyer's fees and One Hundred and fifty Pounds of neet Tobacco as well for his Debt as for his Costs by him in this behalf Expended. Ordered that the Sheriff sell the goods attached in Order to Discharge the said Debt and report the same to next Court. Goods attached sold for Four pence.

July 9, 1747. John Ripley against Hugh Moor. IN CASE. And now come the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and thereupon come allso a Jury to wit John Witt David Patterson Samuel Arnold LAZARUS DAMERON Wm Witt Edward Thomas Andrew McWilliams Wm. Perkins John Bryant Henry Trent Charles Bond and James Christian who being elected tryed and Sworn the truth to speak upon the issue do say upon their Oath that the aforesaid Hugh Moor is not thereof Guilty in Manner and form as the aforesaid John Ripley hath alledged. DAVID PATTERSON FOREMAN."

December 10, 1747."The Last Will & Testament of Michael Thomas was presented in Court by the Oaths of two of the Witnesses thereto Edward Thomas heir at Law is Ordered to be Sum^{d}."

December 11, 1747, Book 1, p. 339. Andrew Barclay against John Thomas: SURE FANAS.

May 13, 1748, p. 366. Ordered the Church Wardens of Saint ANNS Parish do Bind out English McCoy to Lazarus Dameron to Learn the trade of Shoemaking.

Law Order Book 1, p. 290, Albemarle County, Virginia:

"At a Court held for Albemarle County on the Second Thursday and Ninth Day of July One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Seven, PRESENT: Joshua Fry Allen Howard Edwin Hickman Samuel Jordon John Reed & David Lewis, GENT. JUSTICES. Joshua Fry Surveyor of this County presents the following list of Surveys by him made from June MDCCXLVI to June MDCCXLVIJ which are ordered to be Recorded (1746-7):

Benjamin Woodson 377 ACRES	GEORGE DAMRON 147 ACRES	Richard Cocke 100
" " 400	Ralph Joplin 400	A line for Mr. Richard Cocke
George Hilton 200	John Farrer 289	Alexander
JOHN DAMRON 200	Abraham Smith 200	Benjamin Cocke
Allen Howard 183	John Coles 3000	John Paine 320
Thomas Joplin 400	Jno. Childers 212	Bishop Tony 150"
Bishop Toney 99	___ Eppes 1000	
James Stinnett 227	John Thomas 100	
John Wheeler 374	Henry Trent 175	(There are 98 names listed.)

"July 9, 1747, Book 1, p. 293:

"A Petition of William Duiguid and others for a Road to be Opened from the New Road is returned and Ordered to be replaced on this Docket."

July 15, 1748, Book 1, p. 388. "Jeremiah Whitney against John Biby, IN DEBT: AND NOW come the parties aforesaid by their attorneys and there upon come allso a Jury to wit Joseph Anthony John Smith Charles Lambert Thomas Smith Richard Dameron William Hooper Leonard Ballow John McWirters William Lymison Richard Gwin James McNeal & Drury Tucker who to the Truth of the within contained being called chosen tried and sworn say upon their Oaths that It is not the Single Sole Deed of the Defendant and Therefore if the Law be for the Plaintiff they find for the Plaintiff if not for the Defendant. JOSEPH ANTHONY, FOREMAN.

"And because the Court now here is not yet advised to give their Judgments of and upon the Principles a day is there upon given to the aforesaid Jeremiah Whitney that he may be before our Court at the Court House on the Second Thursday in August next then and there & hear their Judgment because the Court here is not yet advised."

August 12, 1748, Book 1, p. 402. "Isaac Bates Gent. against John Gannaway, IN TRESPAS." Noble Ladd is on this jury.

August 13, 1748, Book 1, p. 411:"The Petition of John Ladd against William Battersby is on the Plaintiff's motion ordered to be discontinued."

August 13, 1748, Book 1, p. 412:"Bishop Toney and his Wife against James Chastead, IN CASE. The parties appear by their attor. and the Defendant by John Harvie his attor.prays and hath leave to imparte till next Court and then to plead and the same day is given the Parties aforesaid here, etc."

August 13, 1748, Book 1, p. 414: Hannah Battles against Noble Ladd.

June 9th, 1748. "A dispute between the Inhabitants of Rockfish about a Road from Rockfish Gap to Morrison's Road is continued for future argument till Sept. Court next."

June 10, 1748. George Hilton against Benj. Woodson, IN CASE.

Alimae Aiken found the Inventory of Lazarus Dameron in Book I,p.17: "This Inventory and appraisement was returned unto Albemarle Cou. the 12th day of February, 1750, and ordered to be recorded. Test. John Nicholas, Cl.

"An account of the appraisment of the personal estate of Lazarus Dameron, Decd, according to order of Court. Taken the 24th day of July, 1750, Witness our hands James Gilliam, James Hilton, Charles (his mark) Bond.

"To One Sorrell Horse, L 3:15:0. (The first figure is pounds, the next
To One Rifle Gun, 3:0:0. shillings, the last pence.--H.F.S.)
To a Skill, 1.0.0.
Tin Pewter 2/9 Ratt Trap 2/6 5 S. 3.
Cooper Tools 5/ a reap hook 1/ 6 S.0.
Three Iron Potts, 15 S.0
Old Iron 9/2: Chizels, 1 auger & Gimblet 4/6,
13 Shillings, 6
A frying pan 1/a plus Cut Saw 2 files and Rest 25/
L 1:6.0
A Pair of Money Scales 6/ two Juggs 6/ Spoon Moulds,
Shillings 17.0.
A Foot wheel 10/ Two Iron Wedges 4/ Shillings 14.0
A Black Walnut Chest 5/ a Table D° 10/, Sh. 15.0
An Old Chest & nails 5/2 Barrels & Tubbs 10/, Sh. 15.0
A pair of Skilliards 15/ Cows Calves & Yearlings 11/5, L 12.0.0.
A Bay horse and Saddle L 6/15, a Grind Stone 10, a Cherm 2/6, L 7.7.6.
Two Bells, one of them without a Clapper 5/, L. 0.5.0
Carried over L 33.14.3
Old Books 1d D° hand Jars 1/6, L 1.1.6.
One old Gun, 0.1.6.
A Hoan 2/6 meal sifter 1/a Bed Lugg Blanket & Sheet, L 1.5.0.
A bed and furniture, 6.0.0
Shoovel 2/ a Plough 3/, L 1.5.0.
An old bed and furniture L 2.8.6.
1 mare and 2 colts 3L
Totall L 48. 15.9

"This Inventory & Appraisment was returned into Albemarle County Court the 12th day of February, 1750, and ordered to be recorded. Test, John Nicholas.

She also took an accurate list of the "Inventory of the Estate of John Damron, Decd.": 4 head of Cattle, L 2, shillings 10, no pence; 1 mare, L 2; 1 Sow & 5 Shortes, S. 12; To Working Touls, 12 S. 6.; 1 Iron Wedge & some biffle saws (?), 6 pence; 1 bed and furniture & bed hide L 1.7; To pewter S. 10.;1 bagg & Carpenters Rule, S. 1.2; 1 Chest 3 shillings; 3 bottles, 1 sh.; 1 pair of cards and old box iron, 1 sh.; 1 pot and Hooks & frying pann, 6 sh.; 1 waterpail & ps. gin. 4 sh.; 2 cheiars, 1 Bedstead, & Coco (?) 6 shillings; a passel of Hoggs not seen, also a horse not seen; 1 Drawing nife & Joyners hatchet sold; 1 chisel & Iron Wedge not seen; 1 Spining wheel not seen; To some old iron. We the subscribers being first sworn, AMBROS PORTOR, BENJAMIN STINNET, GLOVER DIVENPORT. This inventory and appraisment was returned into Albemarle Court the ninth Day of November, 1757. Test. JOHN NICHOLAS."

In the Surveyors' Book in the County Clerk's office, Albemarle, she also found the following all in 1746: 374 acres on Huff Creek surveyed for John Wheeler; plot of 400 acres on Cary Creek surveyed for Benjamin Woodson; Philip Morris, 400 acres on fork of Rockfish Creek (now in Nelson Co. just over the line); 300 acres on Holliday River surveyed for John Ward; 100 acres on South side of Fluvanna River joining Major Allen Howard's back line surveyed for John Thomas; 81 ac. on north side of Rockfish River (Nelson Co. now) surveyed for Thos. Henderson.

In Charlottesville, in the Surveyors' Book No. I, 1744-1755, of Albemarle Co., Alimae Aiken also found the following items:

1746 Plot of 200 acres on the branches of Woodsons Creek surveyed for John Dameron, joining Benj. Woodson and ____ Dameron.
1746 Lazarus Dameril 212 acres on north side of Fluvanna River surveyed for Lazarus Dameril. (There never has been a Fluvanna River--the people in that section gave this name to the lower James after the Rivanna River flowed into it.--A.A.)
1746 George Dameril, Plot of 147 acres on Fluvanna River surveyed for George Dameril.
1749 George Dameron 400 acres on North side of Hardware River and on Briery Creek surveyed for George Dameron.

She also made copies of the following deeds: 1749 George Damron to John Peter, south side of Fluvanna River; 1767 George Damron to George Hilton, from Hugh Morris to Bryery Creek; 1752, George Dameril to Thomas Tilman, on Hardware River; 1750 John Wheeler to John Dameron, Huffs Creek; 1776 Charles Dameron to Robert Lilly, Woodson's Creek; 1776 Charles Damron to Hugh Rice Morris (power of attorney). She also found that in 1755 George Dameron was patentee for 400 acres on north side of Hardware River and Briery Creek.

She has an accurate copy of the will of Lazarus Dameron which gives the names of the witnesses as: John Galey,Junr., John Peter, William Creasy, proved Feb. 14, 1749. It was recorded "At the motion of John Dameron & John Thomas, two executors therein named, who made oath according to law. Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form,giving security on which they with Matthew Jordon and Hugh Morris, their securities, entered into and acknowledged their Bond."

In the Surveyors' Book, No. 1, Part 2, 1756-1790, she found the following for Moses Dameron: "This is a plot of Ninety-nineacres of land lying on both sides of Damron's Creek and the north side of Fluvanna River in AlbemarleCounty, Surveyed for Moses Dameron 15th Nov. 1760, by John Staples.

"This is a plot of 175 acres of land lying on the branches Red Bank and Damron's Creeks in Albemarle County, surveyed for Moses Dameron 15th June, 1761, John Staples.

"Surveyors Book No. 1, Part I, 1744-1755: This is a plot of 200 acres land lying among the branches of Harris Creek, Surveyed for Amos Ladd Jan. 12, 1754, Thos. Turpin."

She also has complete copies of the following: Deed Book 1, p. 137, from George Dameron to John Peter, of 147 acres granted by patent Dec. 1, 1748, south of the Fluvanna "beginning at Michael Thomas white oak corner...to Major Allen Howard's white oak corner, up the river." The 10 L was acknowledged 15 Nov. 1749 by George Dameron." Relinquishment of dower rights were made by "Anne Thene Dameron" as I read it from a tracing, but it has also been read Thana. The Thene is written exactly as in George. However, on the deed to Tilman is a clearly written An Thany Dameril. (Note by H.F.S. If this were a French Huguenot name Thone, it would be pronounced Toney or Taney if spelled Thene.) The deed from George Dameron to Thomas Tilman, Feb. 11, 1752, is signed and sealed by "George Dameril" and "An Thany Dameril," in presence of Matthew Jordan, Alexdr. McCaul, Thomas Thornell. It sells to Tilman 400 acres in Albemarle "on both sides of Hardwar River...begin ning at Benjamin Woodson's corner red oak on the north side of the River and running across the same south...crossing Hardwar River...to Woodson's corner"etc. for 100 L, acknowledged the same day. This refers to "George Dameron & Ann Thany his wife in Albemarle County." The deed to Peter refers to "George Dameron of the Parish of St. Ann's and County of Albemarle.Tilton's refers to George of Buckingham.

The full copy of the deed from "George Damron of Buckingham County of the one part and George Hilton, Jr. of the County of Amherst, the other part" shows that he sold for 50 L 300 acres in Albemarle "Beginning at a Spanish Oak corner of Hugh Morrises & with his line 2° to Bryery Creek...thence on John Moore's line to the first station," witnesses Wm. Stone, Marbel Stone, Hezekiah Stone, dated Aug. 8, 1767.

The deed dated 13 Oct. 1750 "between John Wheeler of the Parish of St. Ann's and County of Albemarle of the one part and John Dameron of the same county and parish of the other...for the sum of seven pounds currt. money of Virginia...doth grant bargain and sell...one certain tract...containing 374 acres...in the county of Albemarle on Huff's Creek...Beginning at a White Oak and running north...crossing the creek to a white oak north." Witnesses were Henry Trent, Thomas Lawhorn, Geo. Dameron.

The full deed dated Oct. 22, 1776 "between Charles Damron of the County of Albemarle of the one part and Robert Lilly of the said county of the other part, for...the sum of thirty two pounds ten shillings current money of Virginia...doth bargain and sell alien and confirm...a certain tract or parcell of land containing 200 acres lying and being in the aforesaid county of Albemarle on the branches of Woodson's Creek...Beginning at Pointers upon Benjamin Woodson's line...to a white oak upon Richard Damron's line with the said line, south 65° East 20 poles to pointers South...to the first station and now in the possession of the said Robert Lilley." It was signed by Charles with an X and witnesses were Thomas Staples, Nich. Hamner, Henry Wood, William Rogers, Hugh Rice Morris.

A note reads: "There are no marriages recorded in Albemarle County, Va. before 1781, destroyed by the British in June 4, 1781. The only Damron marriage in Albemarle County up to 1844 is Little P. Damrol to Susannah Turner April 22, 1801, an there are no Ladd marriages here. Dameron wills recorded in Albemarle Co., Va. are: Richard, d. 1749, Lazarous, 1749; John, inventory 1757. In the First Court Order Book, Albemarle County, Va. 1744-1747, the name of Lazarus Dameron is found July, 1745. In this same book there is the notice of the will of Amos Ladd, Nov. 28, 1745, witnesses Edward Lamb Parsons & John Dameron."

Another note reads: "I don't know where I got this but it is in my notes: John Dameron born Jan. 12, 1757, married 1779 or 80 Anna Ladd, and Noble Ladd married 1753 Judith Dameron, married in Brunswick Co., Virginia."

The Index in the Clerk's Office, Albemarle County, Va. shows the following:

1839 William Damron to S.F. Leake, Deed of Trust, Per Prop, Book 3, p. 43.
1857 William Damron from Ira Garrett, clerk, lot in Warren, Book 56, p. 473.
1855 Page Damron from J.W. Damron, 5 acres, Book 54, p. 43.
1858, Page Damron, Sr. from J.S. Moon, Book 57, p. 222.
1822 James Damron fromThos. Thurmond, Deed of Trust, Book 23, p. 223.
1836 James Damron to Henry Rittenhouse, 188 acres, Book 33,p. 197.
1836 Julia Damron to Henry Rittenhouse, Dower 188 acres, Book 33, p. 197.

A note by A.A. said: "An old history of Albemarle Co. publ. in 1900 by Rev. Edgar Woods states that John and Julia (Thurmond) Damron went to LincolnCounty, Missouri, no dates given."

Another list shows the Dameron wills in Virginia up to 1800: Lancaster County, John Dameron 1782, Rachel 1796; Northumberland Co., Jessee, 1790, Mary, 1799, Joseph 1759, will; Christopher, 1766, will, George 1784, Inv.

LAZARUS DAMERON, EARLY SETTLER OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VA.

Lazarus Dameron and his children came to Albemarle County, when it was still a wilderness. The Court Order Book of Albemarle County, 1744-1748, has an item "Nov. 14, 1746 Wolf's Heads. To George Dameron for seven young at 70 . . . 490. To William Woodson for one Young at 70.... 140." This refers to pounds of tobacco. The History of Albemarle County by Woods, p. 13, says: "The scalps of wolves were reported in large numbers. One hundred and forty pounds of tobacco were allowed for the scalp of an old wolf, and seventy-five for that of a young one, that is, one under six months old. When tobacco ceased to be a circulating medium, twelve and six dollars were given as the premiums. These reports continued with more or less regularity in subsequent years down to 1849, the last on record, when Isaac W. Garth was awarded twelve dollars for killing an old wolf. Jonathan Barksdale, Samuel Jameson, William Ramsey and Ryland Rodes, are names which appear most frequently in this connection. In 1835, Lewis Snow received a dollar and a half for the scalp of a red fox. The Court agitated the removal of these premiums once or twice after 1849, but there is no indication that their offer was ever made."

In this same Law Order Book I, are other items in Albemarle County:

July 25, 1745, p. 34: "On the petition of the inhabitants in the Fork of the James River leave is granted them to clear a road from the Court House to Shepard's Foard from thence to Benjamin Woodsons Foard and from thence to Doct^r Hopkin's Road. Ordered that Lazarus Dameron, George Hilton and Benjamin Woodson be overseers of the said road."

Aug. 23, 1745: "Edwin Hickman, Gent. against Thomas Fitzpatrick, am. of Chas. Blany, Decd.--IN CASE. The parties being this day called to wit. Samuel Jordon, John Cannon, Mathew Tucker, John Peartree, Burks Davis, Stockton, Richard Stockton, John Hunter, Andrew Read, Lazarus Dameron, James Armer, Robert King and Hugh Morris who being elected tried and sworn well and truly to enquire of damages upon their oaths do say that the aforesaid Edwin Hickman hath sustained damages by occation of the Premises aforesaid besides his Costs and Charges by him Cut to H (?) about his Suit in this behalf extended by him to six pounds fifteen shillings and one penny half penny. Samuel Jordan Foreman. Therefore it is considered that the aforesaid Edwin Hickman, Gent^m, do recover against the said Thomas Fitzpatrick adm. of Charles Blany, Decd. the Damages aforesaid by the Jury aforesaid above found and allso One Hundred and Seventy nine & 1/4 Pounds of neet Tobacco which by our said Court ware adjudged for his Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf expended and the aforesaid Thomas Fitzpatrick in mercy, etc.

"SAMUEL JORDON against THOM. FITZPATRICK, Adm. Chas. Blany, Decd.--IN CASE:

"The parties being this day called appear and Thereupon came allso a Jury to wit, John Cannon, Mathew Tucker, John Peartree Burks Davis Stockton, Richard Stockton, John Hunter, Andrew Reed, Lazarus Dameron, James Armer, Robert King, Hugh Morris and Richard Taylor who being elected tried and sworn well and truly to Enquire of Damages upon their oath do say that the aforesaid Samuel Jordon hath sustained Damages by occation of the Premises aforesaid besides his Costs and Charges by him put to Eight Pounds. Therefore it is considered that the aforesaid Samuel Jordon do recover against the said Thomas Fitzpatrick adm. of Charles Blany Decd. the damages aforesaid by the Jury aforesaid above found and also One Hundred and Seventy nine and 1/4 pounds of neet Tobacco which by our said Court were adjudged for his Costs by him about his Suit in this behalf expended and the aforesaid Thomas Fitzpatrick in mercy etc."

1748. Petition of Allen Howard and others to build a mill on Rockfish River was likewise ordered to be certified to the General Court.

The original farm of Lazarus Dameron was in Porter's Precinct, Albemarle County, according to Alimae Aiken. It was near the land which Peter Jefferson, fatherof President Thomas Jefferson, bought of Noble Ladd, on the James River--which was then called Fluvanna above where the Hardware River flows into it. The Old Surveyor's Book, 1744,-1755,Albemarle Co., in 1754 has an item for Peter Jefferson: "This is an inclusive plot of 2050 acres of Land Lying on the South side of the Fluvanna River. Opposite to Totier Creek in Albemarle County. 400 acres of which purchased of Noble Ladd and the other part being new land." Noble Ladd was the father of Anne Ladd who m. Capt. John Damron. Peter Jefferson died 1757, and was a surveyor.

There is also in the vicinity of Lazarus land a survey by Wm. Caball, surveyor, "A Plot of 150 Acres on the South side of Fluvanna. Surveyed for Bishop Toney May 20th, 1747." This may be the family of Anne Thany or Thone or Toney, wife of George Dameron, as it is the only name found similar to the peculiar spelling, which may also be pronounced Taney. A deed book for Albemarle shows also in 1924 Lester G. Toney, age 52, and Blanche Toney, age 50, both of Bluefield, W. Va., nephew and niece of Rudolph L. Goodman (deceased) of Albemarle Co., Va. inherited part of his estate.

Alimae Aiken made a trip to Esmont, Va. in 1954, to find the home place of Lazarus Dameron and wrote the following:

"I went to Esmont, Va. which is about four miles from the voting place in Porter's Precinct. My purpose was to try to find the grave yard spoken of in the will of Robert Damron of Lynchburg, Va. 1912. In this will he requests his executors to erect tombs to his mother Hannah M. and two brothers Lindsey C., and George J. and put a fence around the grave yard. His father William is mentioned at the end of the will. I wanted to see if earlier members of the family were buried there also.

"In Esmont I talked with Mrs. Thomas, a dear old lady in her eighties. She told me of the exact spot right behind a certain store where a church and cemetery once were located. She said that the cemetery was exceedingly old and in ruins when she played in it as a child and that it was the only one which had ever been in that district, public or private. I went there and found no holes to fall into which Mrs. Thomas said were there but a perfectly level plowed field. No signs whatsoever that a cemetery and church had once been there. It gave me a very queer and angry pulsation. Another nice elderly lady in Esmont said she did remember that there was once a small private cemetery long ago on Mr. Gilmore's place and that a negro named Simpson had owned the land afterwards and long ago this negro had sold it to another negro. I hunted it but could not drive my car back in the woods on an impossible road so had to give up. It was once a good white community but for quite a few years negroes have owned all the land there. They could tell me nothing. I doubt if the graveyard mentioned in the will was the public one with the church which had been plowed over. It was likely private. The last lady with whom I talked doubted if tombs and a fence had ever been erected. This William who was the father of Robert and Lindsey C.--to whom did he belong? Mrs. Thomas was a Childress and knew nothing about the Thomas and Dameron early history."

Alimae Aiken also wrote: "Lazarus lived on the north side of the Fluvanna (James) in Porter's Precinct. The other Damerons did not so far as I know live in this precinct--the Hardware River Damerons. In the recent surveyors' plots which I sent you in 1760 and 1761 Moses Dameron bought land on the north side of the Fluvanna along Dameron and Red Bank Creeks. When Gordon Dameron and his mother, Mrs. Ada, of Scottsville, Va., said that their farm on the Hardware was the original Dameron farm, I don't think it could have been Lazarus' as he lived down on the Fluvanna, according to the surveyor's plot. One of the others owned it."

A letter from Mrs. P. P. Thomas, Sr., Esmont, Va. to Alimae Aiken June 1, 1954, said: "I understand your letter, so we will skip all about the plowed over cemetery. I think I told you it had been turned into a garden. If the graves you mentioned are on a farm described by Mrs. Lane as the Gilmore farm near Porter's Precinct, and described in Mr. Robert Dameron's will as being on the John E. Eubank farm near Porter's Precidct and owned by a Mr. Williams, I guess it is the same farm my father, J. H. Childress, lived on for one year in 1879 when I was five years old. Now, although I was so yonng then, and now am 80 years old, I distinctly remember there was one or two graves there. I am certain of one, I had not thought of them in years, but the letter brought it back to me, also that a young colored woman was buried there. I have a recollection of seeing her in her coffin. She was a mulatto. The grave or graves I remember were bu ilt up high (old time way and the dirt was so red, and they were not in woods then. The old home my father lived in was torn down years ago when Coleman Simpson bought it. He built another house. That too is gone now. A niece of his lives not so far from the colored school. I never heard of the man Eubank or the Mr. Williams. My brother is 15 years younger than me so I doubt if he knows anything about it. Mr. Knick Thomas died Sept. 9th, 1909. Mr. T. H. Childress (my father) died in 1928, July 19th. I know of no old negroes who can help. I hope this will help you some. Very truly, MRS. P. P. THOMAS. P. S. I remember my older sister and I used to pick wild flowers and put them on the grave or graves. They hdd wooden boards at head and foot. Seems to me the grave was near a negro woman's home. There were two (what was called) negro quarters not so far from the main house."

She also received a letter from Mrs. B. L. Leap, Scottsville, Va. who owns part of the Gordon Dameron place: "I have tried to find you some information but had very little success. All of the old people are gone from here now. My deed gave no Dameron name so it was a long time ago. At one time a Monroe Dameron did live here--had some girls--moved to Lynchburg to send them to school. One girl Sallie married a Walker Parrish, don't know where that family is. There is a Mrs. Parrish in Lynchburg now. Also a Robert Dameron once lived there. If you write to Appalachian Electric Power Co. 523 Main St., Lynchburg, and ask about a Dolly Dameron who used to work forthem, you may get somewhere. Write % L. T. Smith as a woman told me he worked for him. The grave yard is on Gordon Damron's place where he lives now."

Another letter is from Mrs. Jack Kennan, 1934 Thomson Road, Charlottesville, Va. Mr. Thomas was born and reared near Woodson Creek in Fluvanna, and his son-in-law runs the store in Charlottesville, furniture store: "My father, Marion C. Thomas, is 95 years old, and in Naylor Nursing Home. He is remarkable. He gets out for rides often, but is feeble. I was in hopes he could help you in regard to the Dameron family but he doesn't seem to remember. I talked to himabout it. If he tries, he is very alert, and especially if one is talking about Fluvanna. He really loves "Old Flu." I am sorry he does not have any old records in regard to that vicinity. Have you read the Sneads of Fluvanna, by Mrs. W. E. Hatcher. You can get it from some member of the Snead family in Fork Union. The Sneads and Thomas families married. I wish I could help you in regard to this. It is all so interesting."

Apr. 11, 1954, Alimae Aiken wrote: "At noon yesterday I went to Charlottesville. I went on to Hardware River and Woodson's Creek, Fluvanna Co. None of the houses nor graves are left. Several people around there were exceedingly interested and helpful and very nice to me. I am going back there to talk to an old Mr. Thomas and will go to Lazarus' location when I can."

Another note says: "I mentioned Harris Creek as flowing into the lower Hardware and this is correct but since obtaining other maps from the Univ. of Va. Geological Dept. and looking at a very old map in Univ. Va. Library I find also a Harris Creek whichflows into Rockfish Creek, on the Albemarle side, and Stovall's, Bolling and Harris Creeks flowing into the James in Amherst. This is likely the Harris Creek mentioned in the Amherst deeds."

THE THOMAS FAMILY OF ALBEMARLE, AMHERST AND NELSON

The Thomas and Dameron families several times intermarried, and the descendants of John Thomas who married Winifred Dameron, are also Dameron descendants, of course. The following is the Will of John Thomas, 1760, his wife Winifred being the daughter of Lazarus Dameron, Book 2, p. 72, Albemarle County, Va.

"I JOHN THOMAS of the parish of Tillotson County of Albemarle twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord MDCCLX... Unto my loving Wife Winifred Thomas the house & plantation whereon I now live during her natural life together with all my household goods & Furniture & whole stock . . . & accept such of them as are hereafter mentioned as legacys to my Children which are as follows, Item I give & bequeath to my son Charles Thomas one hundred acres of land lying & being in the County of Albemarle on the South side the Fluvanna River joining Col. Allen Howard to him and his heirs forever. Item I give & bequeath to my son Charles Thomas one Gray Mare Item I give & bequeath to my son Jn. after his Mother's decease the Tract of Land whereon I now live Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Judith one Gray horse Item my will & pleasure is that when my Daughter Betty Smith Thomas shall attain the age of XVjjj years Then I bequeath her a riding Beast Item to my Daughter Ann Thomas when she attains the age of XVIIJ years then I bequeath her a riding Beast Item my Will & pleasure further is that at my wife's Decease all my household Furniture Stock Cattle hogs & whatsoever be remaining be Equally Divided amongst my three daughters Judith, Betty Smith, and Anne Thomas Item Will is that my estate be brought to no appraisement Lastly I make and ordain Michael Thomas Joseph Thomas and my son Charles Thomas executors of this my Will in Trust for the Intent & purpose in this my Will Contained in this sheet of paper & I do hereby revoke all former and Other Wills heretofore by me made Either by Word or Writing & my Executors are to take Care and see this my Will performed according to my true Intent and meaning For Witness whereof I the said John Thomas have to this my last Will & Testament set my hand and Seal the day and year above written, Signed Sealed & Delivered by the said John Thomas for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who was present at the time of signing and sealing thereof. JOHN PETER, MOSES SWEENEY, JOHN WARD.

"At a Court held for Albemarle County the twelfth day of June 1760 this will was proved by oaths of John Peter, Moses Sweeney & John Ward. Teste JOHN NICHOLAS."

John Ward was the apprentice mentioned in the will of Lazarus Dameron apparently. Note also that in the Deed from George Dameron to John Peter, 1748, his land begins "at Michael Thomas white oak corner... to Major Allen Howard's white oak worner up the river," south of the river. Hence we see that these families lived adjoining, and that John was related to Michael apparently. In 1745 there is a land patent for Michael Thomas Jr. in Albemarle. Alimae Aiken wrote: "John Thomas signed his own name and could write. I could not make out the name at first for Jon. Since I saw it under glass there is no doubt in my mind it was meant for John. Charles had been crossed out and the other name for John put in its place: John Thomas

Michael had sons Jeke, Thomas, John Thomas, William Thomas in a will of 1824, who must be descendants. John Thomas and Winifred Dameron had children, Charles, John, Judith, Betty Smith and Anne, in the will of 1760. Edward Thomas in his will of 1758 shows he had a brother named John Thomas, and a son John Thomas, and Edward must be the father of John Thomas who married Winifred Dameron as she witnessed the will. Both Johns signed Dameron wills, it will be noted.

Tillotson Parish was in Buckingham when that county was cut off from Albemarle, so the above Thomas land would then be in Buckingham which adjoined that of George Dameron, father of Michael who was father of Dunmore Dameron. The name Michael makes one think he was the grandfather of Michael Dameron or in some way related.

WILL OF EDWARD THOMAS, 1760, ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

"In the name of God Amen I Edward Thomas of Albemarle County of parish of Tillotson being in a declining condition of body but of sound mind & memory thanks be to Almighty God do make constitute & appoint this to be my Last Will & Testament first I Commend my soul to God that gave it me & my body to the Earth to be decently Buried as my Executors shall think fit and as to my Worldly Estate I think fit to dispose of in manner & form as followeth Viz that is to say Item I give & bequeath to my Eldest son William Thomas one hundred acres of land part of the Tract I now live on & bounded as followeth to wit beginning at John Thomas' upper corner in the River running on his back line to a new line on the north fork of the Millstone branch down the said branch ona new mark'd line to the Creek down the saidcreek to the River thence down the river to the firs Station, be the same more or less, Excepting the Use of the Orchard during my life which said Land I give to him and his heirs forever & I also give him my negro girl Phebe and all her increase to him and his heirs forever I also give him his Cattle that he has in possession & his hogs which in his possession & that to be his part Item I give & bequeath to my son John Thomas the Remainder of the land I now live on which said Land I give to him and his heirs forever I also give him one bed & furniture and that to be his part Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Martha Goolsby six pounds Currant money of Virginia which said six pounds not to be paid to her till three years after my Death Item I give to my Daughter Susannah Stephens the bed she lies on & fourty shillings Currant money to be paid three years after my Death. Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Thomas six pounds Currant money to be paid three years after my decease. Item my will and desire is that the rest of my Estate not mentioned of which kind whatsoever I lend to my well beloved wife Mary Thomas in lew of Dower and at her Death my Desire is that my Estate be Equally Divided between my ghree Daughters before mentioned. Item my will and pleasure is that my Estate be not appraised Item I constitute and appoint my brother John Thomas and my son John Thomas Executors of this my Last will and Testament remaking all other former Wills In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of December, 1758. EDWARD THOMAS.

"Sign'd Seal'd & Deliver'd in the presence of Joseph Thomas Winnie (her mark) Thomas, Mary (M her mark) Goodwin.

"At a court held for Albemarle County the Eighth day of March 1760 this will was presented to Court by John Thomas & John Thomas the Executors therein named proved by the oath of Winnie Thomas one of the witness thereto & on the motion of the said Executors who made Oath according to Law Certificate is granted them for Obtaining probate thereof in due form giving Security on which they with Thomas Jopling their Security entered into and acknowledged their Bond for the due and faithful performance of the said Will at a Court held for the said County the tenth day of April 1760 the same was further proved by Joseph Thomas another of the witnesses thereto Ordered to be Recorded. Test. JOHN NICHOLAS, CLK." (Book 2, p. 65.)

WILL OF MARGARET M. THOMAS, ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VA., 1816.

" . . . First whereas during the life of my deceased husband Charles L Thomas he gave to our daughter Mary Walker Thomas one negro girl . . . and whereas it is my wish that my daughter Francis Elizabeth Thomas should be made equal in property to my daughter Mary Walker Thomas . . . Therefore it is my will that out of the proceeds of the land willed by my fahter Nicholas Lewis to be sold at the death of my mother Mary Lewis and proceeds equally divided between his daughter of whom I am one . . . purchase a negro girl for my daughter Francis Elizabeth. It is my will that . . . shall be equally divided between all my children Mary Walker, Nicholas Lewis, Charles Lewis, Robert Warner, Francis Elizabeth and John _____. I appoint Howell Lewis, John S. Thomas and John M. Martin executors. M. M. THOMAS. (Signed). Witnesses Alex Garrett, Lewis Carr, John Mapie." Proved Sept. 3, 1816, Albemarle Co. by oaths of Alexander Garrett and Lewis Carr, two of the witnesses. Book 6, p.184.

EXCERPT FROM WOOD'S HISTORY OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA--THOMAS FAMILY.

"Michael Thomas in 1745 and 1748 patented six hundred acres on Hog Creek and Rockfish River. He seems however to have resided on James River. At the resumption of the records in 1783, he was active as a magistrate of the county, and was appointed Sheriff in 1789. He was greatly harassed by suits brought against him as incumbent of that office, owing to the maladministration of his deputies, Edward Moore and Menan Mills. Perhaps these annoyances incited the old gentleman to seek the balmy consolations of matrimony a second time. Atall events he entered into those bonds with Elizabeth Staton in 1792; and in writing to the Clerk for a license, he stated that he was unable to visit the county seat himself, but sent his son Ralph, and his grandson John Carroll, to act in his behalf. He died in 1802. His children appear to have been Michael, Joseph, Jesse, Ralph, Edward, James and a daughter, who was the wife of a Carroll. The future of the family is unknown, except that Joseph died in 1779, and Michael in 1826.

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"John Thomas came to the county from Amherst. He was twice married, first to Frances, daughter of the elder John Henderson and secondly to Frances, daughter of Charles Lewis, Jr., of Buck Island. He lived for a time on a tract of land which he received from his second father-in-law on Ivy Creek, and which was sold in 1788 to Robert Draffen, and afterwards on the land of his son Charles L. Thomas near Red Hill. He died in 1847. His children by the first marriage were Warner, Norborne K., James, Elizabeth, the wife of a Wood, and Lucy, the wife of James Lewis; those by the second were Charles L., John L., Virginia, and Margaret, the wife first of Julius Clarkson, and secondly of Robert Cashmere. In the early part of the century, Warner, Norborne and John K. did business in Richmond as commission merchants, under the firm of N.K. Thomas & Co. About 1815 they purchased the Cole land on the north side of Tom's Mountain, a thousand and twenty-eight acres; three hundred they sold to Stephen Moore, and the remainder was assigned to John L. Thomas, when he retired from the firm in 1818.

"By the will of his uncle Isham Lewis, who died in 1790, Charles L. Thomas became theowner of more than eighteen hundred acres on the north fork of Hardware, where Red Hill Depot now stands. His home was where the family of John B. Townley now reside. Before his death in 1815 he leased the eastern part of the place to his brother John L. during the lives of his parents, for their support, and that of his sisters. His wife was Margaret, the youngest daughter of Nicholas Lewis, of the Farm, and his children were Mary Walker, the wife of Alexander Clayton, Nicholas L., Charles, Robert Warner, Frances Elizabeth, the wife first of Dr. Charles H. Meriwether, and secondly of James Hart, and John J. The western part of theplace was divided among the children, who in 1830, and some years following, sold their portions, and emigrated to Montgomery County, Tennessee. John L. passed his life on the place leased him by his brother. He was appointed a magistrate in 1838 and died unmarried in 1846." (Page 327.)

THE WILL OF MICHAEL THOMAS OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VA. 1824

" . . . First, I desire that all debts be paid, Secondly that such of my children as has not had a horse should have one at the value of fifty dollars Third I give to Polly Thomas the widow of my son James Thomas Dec'd one dollar and no more and to her second Daughter Sally fifty Dollars and no more on her coming of age or marrying Fourth I give to Lucy Kidd my wife's daughter an equal share with my own children hereafter mentioned after the above provisions are complyed with in all my estate except the land to her and her children forever Fifth I give to be equally divided between them my children namely John Thomas, William Thomas, Jeke Thomas, Elizabeth Thomas, Jane Jobling & Martha Thomas, my land and all my Estate of whatever description or kind whatever to them and their heirs forever." Executors my son Jeke Tomas and friends Ralph Thomas Sun^r and Jeke Jopling, Mar. 17, 1824, Proved Sept. 4, 1826, by oath of Wm. Gilmore, Samuel Childres, witnesses.

THE DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE DAMERON

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, of Northumberland County, Va. 1652, wife named Dorothy.

II. GEORGE DAMERON, of Northumberland, m. Elizabeth, Widow of John Dennis.

III. LAZARUS d. 1749, Albemarle County, Va. m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Smith. Their children were:

1. Richard, d.s.p. 1749. In 1748 he had a land grant next to John Damron and Benjamin Woodson on Hardware River, Woodson's Creek, Albemarle.

2. George Dameron, also spelled Dameril, of Albemarle and Buckingham.

3. Winefred, m. John Thomas and had a son Charles mentioned in the will of Lazarus Dameron 1749, John Thomas and John Dameron being executors, and witnesses being John Thomas and John Thomas, Jr.

4. Hannah, heir to 200 acres of land in her brother Richard's will, 1749, on Hardware River, Albemarle, which was to go to Judith if Hannah had no heirs.

5. Moses Dameron.

6. Judith, m. Noble Ladd. Their daughter, Anna Ladd, m. Capt. John Damron b. 1757 in Virginia. His company of the 9th Va. under Capt. Thomas Walker was raised in and around Albemarle County, Va. Capt. John Damron's son, John, Jr. was b. in Virginia 1791, and his son Moses is shown in the Texas census as born in Virginia, 1799, so we know he did not leave Virginia until after that date.

7. John Dameron d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1757, leaving inventory only, which was signed by Benjamin Damrel (the same name as Dameron), Amber Porter, Nicholas (John), Glover Davenport, no Nov. 1757. John's land grant in 1748, was on both sides of Woodson'd Creek of Hardware River at Benjamin Woodson's corner and adjoining Richard Dameron. Hence tracing the Benjamin Woodson deeds would show the heirs to the adjoining Dameron lands formerly belonging to John and Richard.

(1) Charles Dameron was son of John, as proved by the fact that he sold his land grant. Book 7, p. 3, Albemarle Deeds, 22 Oct. 1776, deed between Charles Damron and Robert Lilly for 32 pds. 10 shillings sold to Lilly 200 acres in Albemarle County, on branch of Woodson's Creek on Richard Dameron's line . In presence of the Staples, Henry Wood, Wm. Rogers, Hugh Rice Morris. Charles' mother was probably a Morris. Book 7, p. 4, shows power of attorney by Charles Damron to Hugh Rice Morris dated 27 Oct. 1776, appointing his trusty friend and loving uncle Hugh Rice Morris his lawful atty. to deal with the Lilly land transaction. (Mary Morris was witness on Richard Dameron's will.) Charles Dameron m. Polly Mays (Moise) May 19, 1789, Richmond County, Ga. with Peter Culbreath, security, Wm. and Sarah Gardner, witnesses. (DAR Hist. Coll. Ga.) Charles was in the 2d Va. Regt. 1779 to 1786. (See chapter on the Revolution.)

However in 1750 John Damron also bought 300 acres from Jno. Wheeler 13 Oct. 1750, 7 pds. money, 374 acres situated on Huff's Creek, witness George Dameron. Now who inherited this land? Ownership would show other heirs of John Damron.

8. Perhaps Benjamin Damrel, who signed the inventory of John Dameron 1757 in Albemarle County, Va.

IV. GEORGE DAMERON or Damerell, as it was spelled sometimes, son of Lazarus Dameron and Elizabeth Smith of Northumberland County, Va. and Albemarle County, Va. He apparently married Anne Thone or Tuone, as it was not readable in the following reference in Albemarle Co., Va. 1749,Nov. 14. Indenture between Geo. Damron of St. Anns Parish and James Peter, 147 acres of land granted to Geo. Damron by patent bearing date Dec. 1748, in Albemarle Co., on south side Fluvanna River. George appeared in court with wife Anne Thone Dameron who relinquished her right of dower to estate conveyed to James Peter. (Page 137, Book 1.)

George Dameron had land on both sides of the upper James River (then called the Fluvanna), and in 1755 had a patent on Hardware River and Briery Creek in Albemarle, 400 acres next to Hugh Morris. The Virginia Land Grants from George II, p. 657, show a patent to George Dameron from George II for 400 acres for 40 shillings (p.2.) This is in "Albemarle on the north side of Hardware River and on Briery Creek and bounded as followeth to wit: Beg. at a Spanish oak comer of Hugh Morris'sand with his line north two degrees west 88 poles to Briery Creek, the same course continued on a new line." Signed by Robt. Dinwiddie, Lt. Com. of Col.,Williamsburg, Sept. 10, 1755. An earlier patent, p. 38, was given to "George Dameril," by George II for 15 shillings of "1407 acres Ct. of Albemarle on the south side of the Fluvanna and bounded as followeth: 'Beginning at Michael Thomas' white oak corner running thence on his line NW 15°, 192 poles to a live oak on the river thence up the river a new line NW 82° 54 poles to Major Howard's white oak corner thence along his line SW 8° 81 poles, etc. . . including all mines and quarries and water courses . . . as of our Mannor of E. Greenwich in the County of Kent, pay fee of 1 shilling a year. Dec. 1, 1748. (signed) William Gooch,Baronet."

Also in 1767, 8 Aug. (Book 4, p. 421), between George Damron of Buckingham Co., Va. and Geo. Hilton for 50 lb. George granted 300 acres in Albemarle Co., Va.

In 1761 George Dameron's land south of the river was cut off into Buckingham County when it was formed and in 1784 we find George Dameron on the Buckingham tax lists with Michael Dameron. In 1860 Robert B. Damron bought land from Turner in Buckingham.

The Hardware River region was cut off into Fluvanna County in 1777, while Amherst County was formedfrom Albemarle, 1761, and Nelson from Amherst 1808. The Damerons of all these counties appear to be descended from the Albemarle Damerons. St. Ann's Parish may have been on both sides of the river, but we know it was on the south side of James River as in1750 Noble Ladd sold to Peter Jefferson a plantation "situated in St. Ann's Parish South side of James River." This was the father of Anna Ladd who married Capt. John Damron, and Peter Jefferson was the father of President Thomas Jefferson, who inheritedhis father's estates in Albemarle, etc.

The children of George Dameron were the following:

1. Michael, taxed in Buckingham 1784, with George Dameron. Fluvanna Deeds show Michael Dameron deeding land to Branson Laking,1793-1801, Deed Book 3, p. 364.

(1) Page Dameron was on the Buckingham Tax List 1798-1803,and his name was listed in the "Notes from the Family Bible of John W. Carter," by Gladys M. Bloyd, 513 7th Street, Moundsville, W. Va., giving the wife of John W. Carter, 1778-1861, as Mary Smith Dameron, descended from Lazarus, but Moses is listed as 4th generation, so he seems to have been considered her ancestor, not George.

(2) Dunmore Dameron m. Patsey Cox, dau. of George, July 26, 1798, bond John Davis. (Marriage Bonds of Fluvanna, Va. prior to 1801, by the Misses Curry.

There is a Buckingham Will for John Dameron 1879, son, John B., daughters Margarett, Nancy, Mary, Martha. In 1919 is will of James Damron, wife Clementine C.

2. Daniel Dameron is perhaps another son. "A Muster Roll of Capt. Jordan Cabell Comp^y of 6th Virginia Regiment of Foot in the United States of America under the command of Lieutenant Col^o James Hendricks for the month of May and June, 1777," shows "No. 26. John Welch--supplied the place of Daniel Damron," p. 15, L. H. Sweeney's Amherst County, Virginia, in the Revolution.

3. George Dameron, with the famous Morgan's Riflemen in the Revolution. The same reference as above to Cabell's company gives for July, 1777: "George Damron, Private, July 1, for 1 month, rate 6 2/3d dollars, amount of pay 2. 10,"William More, same information. (William More's name is always next to that of George Dameron on the pay rolls.) In December, 1775, George was in"Capt. Benjamin Taliaferro's Comp^y of Detached Riflemen commanded by Col^o Danl Morgan." George was listed by Taliaferro as "private, discharged 14th Feby, 29 days, dollars per mo. 6 2/3, whole pay in dollars 6 40/72." This was in 1778.

Amherst County, Va. Deeds 1761-1865 has: 1788 George Dameron, deed to Alex Chesnall, Book F, p. 335; 1786, George Dameron, deed from Moses Ray and wife, Book F, p. 75.

George Damron m. Polly Magan, Dec. 4, 1819, security Jos. McGhan, Beverley Davies, p. 258. George is in the bond but at the end the name is "Charles Dameron." George looks to be a son of George the soldier.

4. William Dameron looks to be another son of George. Amherst County, Va. deeds show:

1791 William Dameron deed to Wm. Mickle, Book G, p. 15.
1790 William Dameron from Jacob Pettijohn, Book F, p. 535.
1793 William Dameron from Joseph Crews, Jr. Book G, p. 283.
1795 William Dameron from Madison Hill, Book H, p. 563.

Amherst County Marriages show the marriage of William Dameron, bachelor, 1787, to Susanna Lee, widow, witness Joshua Skelton, Job Taliaferro, George Lee, Joseph Dawson (p. 35.) She might have been a second wife. Mar. 23, 1786, Sweeney gives.

The Deeds of Amherst also show: 1804 Dunmore Dameron to John Matthews, Sr. Book K, p.1o9, also in1800 Dunmore Dameron deeded to John Matthews, Sr. Book I, p. 107. Charles Damron deeded to Wm. Camden, 1778. Dunmore Dameron buys land, 100 acres north side of Anne Laugh Creek. In 1796 Wm. and wife, Susannah Dameron, sell land.

W. M. Sweeney's Marriage Bonds and Other Marriage Records of Amherst County, Va. has on p. 60, Wilson Penn and Frances Taliaferro, married 1796, certificate by the Rev. William Dameron, Sept. 12, and other items by Rev. Dameron for 1794 etc. S weeney's Amherst in the Revolution, p. 148, says Austin Knight m. Elizabeth Ham, and they "were married in Amherst Co., Va. Feb. 24, 1789, by Rev. Dameron."

5. Charles Dameron looks to be a son of George Dameron. He was in the Nelson County, Va. census in 1810, which is next to Albemarle, where I also found William and John Q. Dameron. The Index to Nelson County marriages show these Damerons: Abby, Drury C., James T., William C., John, Nicholas B., William, William D. Also in Nelson John J. Dameron b. about 1836 m. Sarah F. Townsend b. about 1839.

6. Perhaps others. There was a "Sam'l Damron married Elizabeth Thomas 18 July, 1835, security Henry P. Irving," p. 46, Marriage Bonds of Cumberland Co., by J.D. Eggleston. This looks to be of the Buckingham branch. The Ligon Genealogy, p. 433, shows a Sarah Dameron 1797 on a deed in Charlotte County, Va. selling a tract of land with Robt. Ligon, Carrington, Etc. This looks like a land speculation deal, and she appears to be a widow inheriting a good deal of property. John Damron b. 1757 looks to be a son of George also, but could be of one of his brothers.

V. MICHAEL DAMERON, of Buckingham County, Va., son of George Dameron. In the Buckingham Surveyor's Platt Book, 1762, the first year, p. 42, has Michael Dameron having surveyed "312 acres on the S. Fork of Holman's Creek, line of Wm. C. Ballow, 13 Dec. 1782." There were also here Colemans, Cloptons and John Radford. (Pp. 57, 76, 87. Mariam Cropper found an item in Halifax County, N.C. records where Michael Damron (or Darmoon), in script difficult to read, of Edgecomb County, sold to Braswell Bridges of Halifax Co. 126 acres on Deep Creek, 16 Jan. 1765, p 231, Book 11.

1. Page Dameron of Buckingham may have had a daughter named Mary Smith Dameron b. 1788, d. 1868, of Nelson County, Va., for the reason that Page Dameron (Carter?), her son, was given this name, unless this is a garbled note, for it is not clear whether it refers to Page Dameron or Page Dameron Carter, but in any case the name is connected with the Carters, as shown on p. 45, II:

John W. Carter m. Mary Smith Dameron 10-21-1805, children:

Henry Tapscott Carter m. Martha Emerson 2-10-1836, b. 3-18-1807, b. Nelson Co., Va. (?) married in Albemarle Co., Va. Died 8-10-1885.
Lucy b. 6-6-1809 m. Lewis Ferrell 9-25-1843, d 3-19-1852.
Thomas E. m. Marthy Kidd 1-20-1834, b. 8-28-1811.
Elizabeth R. m. Alfred Willoughby 10-21-1831.
John W. m. Martha Cosby 10-16-1839.
Page Dameron m. Mary Anne Perry, date not given, b. 8-11-1824.

2. Dunmore Dameron in 1800 deeded land to John Matthews, Sr. in Amherst, and also in 1804. Dunmore Dameron bought land, 100 acres, on the north side of Anne Laugh Creek, Amherst. (Note: Lord Dunmore was Governor of Virginia, and perhaps this name came from one of his descendants.) The following notes give details:

Book I, p. 107, Amherst County, Va. Deeds."John Mathews and Mary his wife sell to Dunmore Damron consideration 100 lbs. current money of Virginia, land in Amherst County on the north side of the Anne Laugh Creek, 100 acres more or less."

(1) Polly Damron appears to be a daughter of Dunmore as he was bondsman when she married Joseph Thomas, 1836, Nelson County, Va. Marriage Register.

(2) Perhaps Littlepage Dameron, bondsman in 1826, for the marriage of Elizabeth Dameron and Phillip Thurmond, Nelson Co., Va.

(3) Perhaps Leland Dameron, bondsman, for the marriage of Nancy C. Dameron and Isaac Newton, 1839, Nelson Co., Va. Leland m. Susanna Powell, 1836.

Other Nelson County, Va. Marriage Register items for Dameron are: Abby Ann Dameron and Wm. S. Witt, 1835; Elizabeth and Abram E. Chandler, 1823; Elvira J. and John Drumhiller, 1847; July A.S. and George Calahan, 1858; Lucy T. and Wm. Johnson 1822, Wm. R. Damron, bondsman; Martha F. and James Drumheller,1843; Sarah Ann and Jacob B. Farrer, 1846, Samuel Damron, bondsman; Sophia and Thomas Glass, 12 Mar. 1810; Etc. In the Index to Marriages of Nelson Co., Va. I also found these Damerons: Abby, 65, Drury C., 19, James T., 25, William C., 84, 98; John, 36, Nicholas B., 91, William, 21, 28; William D. 74. Also John J. Dameron b. about 1836 m. Sarah F. Townsend b. about 1839, according to the J.W. Damron records. Mariam Cropper checked Nelson County, Va. marriages in the Register and found: Drury C. Dameron and Charlot D. Martin, 1824; Ezra and Roxanna Loving 1863; James T. and Martha S.W. Thurmond, 1828; John and Lucy Peyton, 1837; John Q. and Sarah F. Townsend, 1858; John O. and Sarah E. Loving 1865; Leland and Susanna Powell, 1836; Uriah A. and Martha M. Newton, 1858; Wm. and Sarah Ann Harding, 1825; Wm. and Hannah M. Griffin, 1831; Wm. D. and Lucy S. Welch, 1859; Zacharias L. and Belinda Loving, 1859.

THE DAMERONS OF AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA

V. WILLIAM DAMERON m. Susanna Lee, widow, Mar. 23, 1786, security Joshua Skelton. Amherst County, Va. Deeds show the following: (He was a minister.)

5 Sept. 1791, Wm. Damron of the county of Amherst sells to Wm. Mickle of Campbell County, consideration 200 lbs. current money of Virginia, land in Amherst County on Harrises Creek,it being a piece of land purchased by Pearce Wade of Wm. Staton and sold by said Wade to Wm. Damron, 214 acres. (p. 15, Book G.)

Indenture between Joseph Crews and Wm. Damrin, both of Amherst County, consideration 40 lbs. current money of Virginia. Crews sells to Damron land in Amherst on Lynches Road, 60 acres patented by Crews 14 Sept. 1793. Witnesses: Daniel Mahone, Nathaniel Guttry, Nehemiah Royce. (P. 283, Book G.)

Wm. Damron and Susannah his wife sell toThomas Anderson, consideration 40 lbs. 56 acres in Amherst County on Harris Creek. 29 Mar. 1796. Signed by Wm. and Susannah Damron. Witnesses: Charles Christain, Noel X Blinkenship, John Carter, Daniel Mahone, Thomas Colman, and Joseph Wilson.

The Index to Amherst County Marriages has the following Damerons: Lucy, Desmon, Wiatt, E. P., Elizabeth, George H., James T., L., Lucy T., Mary J., Patsy, Sally, Susanna, and others. One item is John Dameron m. Phoebe Goodrich, 1813, Feb. 15, Edmund Goodrich, father, witnesses Thomas Goodrich and Gideon Goodrich, p. 234. I also noted that Rev. Wm. Dameron married Wm. Morris, bachelor, of Bedford, and Christian Simons, spinster, Apr. 30, 1793.

In the 1840 census for Amherst County, I found: Mary E. Damron, p. 219, with 1 person under 10, 2 males under 15; and Drury C. Damron, p. 230. Drury C. Damron m. Charlot D. Martin 1824, Nelson County, Va.

There was also a Col. Dameron on p. 54 of Sweeney's Amherst in the Revolution, but I have not any idea who he could be unless it were Capt. John Damron b. 1757. Henry McLain of Nelson Co., va. enlisted from Amherst, and fought at Camden when he said: "Col. Dameron, who had lost his hat, told them to escape the best way they could, which they did and set off in great confusion."

The children of above William appear to be:

1. Drury C. Dameron m. Charlot D. Martin 1824, in Nelson County, Va. He is on the Amherst census for 1840. His mother or grandmother must have been of the Drury family to account for the use of the name Drury.

2. John Dameron, m. Phoebe Goodrich, Feb. 15, 1813, Amherst Co., Va.

3. William Dameron, Jr. There was a William in the 1810 census Nelson Co., Va. A William m. Sarah Ann Harding 1825 in Nelson.

Annabel Walker sent me a letter from Charles Franklin Dameron, The Daily Times Herald, Herald Square, Dallas 2, Texas, and noted: "Whenever I see the name Dameron in the paper I write to them. This is how it happened. In the evening paper it told about Frank Dameron, a reporter in Dallas, Texas, attending a court sale of real estate. In fun he bid $30 for a piece of property, a dilapidated old 3-room house, no one else bid, so he got it. The joke was on him. He said all he needed was $3,000 to repair it. So I wrote him a letter and he replied immediately. I also told him to hang on to the house as there might be oil on the land. Now doesn't his ancestry sound like Rediford Dameron's big family of boys, only Frank has it twelve boys?" The letter from Dallas Oct. 29, 1953 said:

"I have always believed the Damerons, or Damrons, were all the same clan earlier... My father is Frank Dameron (William Frank), son of (I believe) Charles Dameron of Elam County, Va. Dad's father was one of some eight brothers, most of whom migrated at one time or another, some staying, some returning to Virginia. One of the brothers, Cliff, is now quite elderly, a rancher at Del Rio. Another Mallechi, has been dead many years, but his widow lives in Del Rio. Ernest Dameron, another brother, came to Texas and settled around the Red River area, but I have never seen any of his progeny. Bob Dameron, again another brother, came to Texas at the turn of the century then later started the trek back. He passed through the Fayetteville, Ark. region, spotted a fine place with apple trees and settled there, raised a big family and died a few years ago at age 76. Hubert Dameron also came to Texas but went back to Lynchburg, Va. He was killed as a pedestrian on the streets of Lynchburg several years ago. Many of the Damerons settled around San Angelo originally.

"This doesn't account for all of them, but I am extremely fuzzy about my forebears. One Dameron--Tom, I believe--ran away from home as a child and grew up on the famed King Ranch. He even adopted the name King. I have a blind aunt, Alpha, who knows as much about the Damerons as anyone I've talked to. She is also elderly now and lives in a home in Virginia. But, back in the 30's, she once told me that the Dameron clan originated in this country when twelve brothers left England and came to Virginia, presumably about the time of Jamestown... To recapitulate: Our family of Damerons originated around Amherst and Lynchburg. None ever became really wealthy. Some were schoolteachers, most of them farmers and later ranchers. Dad is brunette, but most of his relatives have a somewhat Celtic look remindful of the profiles of many Welsh I met in England in World War II. (Signed) Charles Franklin Dameron."

Ruth Dorius found further Texas information in the 1850 census, Collin County:

	Age			
"Moses Damron	50	$47 Real Estate	Where born,	Va.
P. Damron (Male)	27			Tenn.
Susanna Damron	44			Tenn.
Jno. McClain	19			Tenn.
Wm. Y. Damron	16			Tenn.
Geo.	11			Mo.
Moses	9			Mo.
Sarah	6			Mo.
Mark	2			Texas.

His neighbors were Hiram Warren and Josiah Nickols etc. The above is the son of Capt. John Damron and Anna Ladd b. 1799 in Virginia, as he says above. This proves they did not leave before this date.

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE DAMRON AND SUSANAH THOMAS

V. GEORGE DAMERON (Lawrence[1], George[2], Lazarus[3], George[4]), was the son of George Dameron of Albemarle and Buckingham Counties, Va., and grandson of Lazarus Dameron of Albemarle. George's wife was Ann Thone or Tuone, as the name was unreadable in the records. George Dameron[5] was in the most famous unit of the Revolutionary army, Morgan's Riflemen. He is shown on the pay rolls from Julyl, 1777, to Feb. 14, 1778, when he was discharged by Capt. Benjamin Taliaferro. (See The Damerons in the Revolution, Part II.) The story of his regiment is told in L.H. Sweeney's book Amherst County, Virginia, in the Revolution.

The Deeds of Amherst County, Va. 1761-1865, show a deed to George Dameron from Moses Ray and wife, Book F, p. 75, and in 1788 George Dameron made a deed to Alex Chesnall, Book F, p. 235. The deed from Ray was in 1786. He appears to have moved away after the sale of the land in 1788, and may have gone to North Carolina for a time as the 1850 census, as sent to me by Maxim Coppage, lists "Samuel Dameron, age 51, b. N.C. m. Nancy, children: Wilson M. 22, Elzy, 20, Lucy A. 18, Sanderson, 16, Mary, 15, Judith, 14, John, 11, Sarah A., 9, Nancy J., 8, Samuel, Jr., 7, Anne, 5, Martha S. 4, George 3." This is the census for Adair County, Ky. and Maxim Coppage also sent the following from the 1860, census: "JamesS. Damerhn of Adair County, Ky. age 60, m. Sarah A. _____, children: Elzey, 33, Sanderson, 31,John S., 25, George M. 22, Elizabeth, 19, Judith Winnefred, 89, Ky?"

The research on this family was done by Ruth Burdette, of Columbia, Ky. in Adair County, who wrote: "George Damron mar. Susanah Thomas, daughter of John and Ann Thomas. He died before 1797 when she, Susanah, mar. in Lincoln Co., Ky. John Peter Bondurant and they came to Adair Co., then GreenCo., to live on Casey's Creek. The people who settled this community were practically all from Buckingham and Amherst Counties, Va. The children of George and Susanah were thought to have been Mickey, Wilson, George W., John T., Robert T., Samuel and Joseph. All of these are known to have been their children."

Ruth Damron Dorius sent a note from the Green County,Ky. Records. Order Book 2, Sept. 15, 1801, Inventory of estate of George Damron, dec'd. She also sent a note that George Damorel is on the 1810 census of Green County, Ky. (The name Dameron was usually spelled Damarel in Albemarle by the family of Lazarus.)

Susanah Thomas was married three times. "Those Thomases came from Buckingham County, Va. I am sure," Mrs. Burdette wrote.

Lincoln County, Ky. Marriage Bonds: John Peter Bondurant and Susanah Damron, widow of George Damron and daughter of John Thomas, Sr., and Ann Thomas. Sept. 28, 1797.

Adair County, Ky. Marriage Bonds: Campbell Goode and Susana Bondurant, Aug. 13, 1813. Then Adair Co., Deed Book E, p. 264: Oct. 26, 1819, Campbell Goode of Adair Co. relinquishes all right in estate of John P. Bondurant decd. by virtue of his marriage to Susana Bondurant, to the heirs of Geo. Damron decd., towit, the children of said Susana, Robert Damron excepted.

Adair Co. Will Book A, p. 224: Will of John P. Bondurant. Legatees--wife Susan all property and at her death to be divided between Wm. Bondurant and Samuel Damron, Nov. 11, 1807. Executors, Susan Bondurant and Richard Gentry. Witnesses Robert T. Damron, George W. Damron, John T. Damron.

Adair County, Ky. Will Book A, p. 113, 7-6-1807: Will of J.D. Thomas. Legatees--children, Harding, Robert, John, Thomas, Wm. Cabbel Bellew, Ann Thomas, Susan Bundren, Lucy Swinney, Nancy Helm, Sarah Winfrey.

(Note by H.F.S. Winefred Dameron, dau. of Lazarus, m. John Thomas and had a son Charles, mentioned in her father's will as his grandson. John Thomas was executor of the will in 1749 in Albemarle with John Dameron, and witnesses listed were John Thomas and John Thomas, Jr. John Thomas, Jr. was probably the father of Susanah's father.) See p. 23 of Part One.

Green County, Ky. Records, Deed Book 2, p. 49, March 19, 1799: Whereas my wife Patty Bondurant died in the year 1794, entitled on the death of her mother, Martha Walton, to one seventh part of residue of estate of Thomas Walton, dec'd agreeable to his last will, dated Aug. 26, 1771, consisting of negors and personal chattels, whereas, I, John P. Bondurant, of Green Co., Ky. had by her two children, Wm. and George Bondurant, so I hereby relinquish all my claim to such children.

Mrs. Burdette wrote: "It seems sure that this George Damron was the one listed in the Amherst records in Buckingham district in the Revolution."

The children listed by Mrs. Burdette are as follows of George Damron and Susanah Thomas: (The order of birth is not known.)

1. George Damron m. Polly Mourning, 2-23-1809 (Green County, Ky. Marriage bonds.) George W. Damron and Mary, his wife, of McDonough County, Ill. gave Power of Attorney to Samuel Damron of Adair County, Ky. to convey to Thos. J. Bricken three tracts of land in Adair Co. on Green River. There are no records in Adair County about his family. No more is known about this family. (Polly was dau. of Roger Mourning.)

2. John T. Damron married Sally Winneford, 1-20-1814 (Adair Co., Ky. Marriage Bonds). He reared a family here and some of his family are known. He married second, late in life, Emily Hardin, and she received a pension for his service in 1812. He m. Emily J. Hardin Dec. 12, 1857, Adair Co.,Ky. and had one son, name unknown. Judith Winneford was a pensioner and died March 31, 1854. (Adair Co., Order Book H, p. 493. Page 508 shows Judith Winneford was the widow of David Winneford, Sgt. pensioner. Children living, Sarah Ann Damron, wife of John T. Damron, Jeffry and David Winneford. John T. Damron was Justice of the Peace, 1855, H-538, Adair Co., Ky. Order Books. In Eckenrode, List of Pensioners, p. 388, lists in Adair Co., Ky. Emily J. Damron, Cert. 31,292, of Columbia, Ky., widow, 1812, monthly rate $8. She got her original allowance in March, 1881. Nell Pearce wrote: "John T. Damron . . . or possibly a Jr., was right with our John in Ills. 1818-20, etc.... I have a letter from a Damron in or near Chicago. She said: 'I believe your John T. Damron, 1821, Kentucky, was an older brother of my grandfather Samuel Damron, etc." (See p. 10, Part III.) Mrs. Geo. Winneford Hancock is a descendant.

3. Robert T. Damron married Susannah Thomas, dau. of Hardin (first cousins), 2-20-1808, Adair Co., Ky. There is only one marriage of a child that is known to be the child of Robert T. Damron: Sinderila Damron, dau. Robert T., married Thomas Bricken, Aug. 25, 1832, Adair Co., Ky.

4. Mickey, daughter, m. Richard Gentry, 7-21-1802, Adair Co., Ky.

5. Samuel m. Nancy Wilkerson, dau. Judith Hardin, 12-28-1822.

6. Joseph, dec'd F-119, Oct. 5, 1835, James Burk, adm. Adair Co., Order Books. Joseph Damron died early and left three infant heirs but there is no record of them.

7. Wilson m. Sarah McClain, dau. Charles McClain, "son of Geo. Damron, decd. Robt. Thomas gdn. Mar. 14, 1800, Green Co., Ky. Nothing more is known of Wilson."

SAMUEL DAMERON AND NANCY WILKERSON

VI. SAMUEL DAMERON m. Nancy Wilkerson, dau. Judith Hardin, 12-28-1822, Adair County, Ky. Marriage Bonds. Samuel Damron reared his family here and left records of all of them in the settlement of his estate, selling of his land etc. Deed Book V. 208, Apr. 29, 1869. "Nancy Damron, widow of Samuel Damron, decd., R.W. Damron and Amanda his wife, Logan S. McWhorter and Nancy J. his wife, Samuel G. Banks, and Sarah A., his wife, John S. Damron and Sarah E., George Damron and Mary T., his wife, Sanderson Damron, Mary Damron, Martha S. Damron, of Adair Co., Ky., R. L. Reynolds and Lucy A., his wife of Boyle Co., Logan Rector and Judith his wife of Casey Co., Ky. children and heirs-at-law of the said Samuel Damron decd., convey to Elsey and Samuel Damron, also heirs and children, for $3,500. land deeded to the decd. by John T. Damron and wife and from Geo. W. Damron and wife." This land was on Green River.

Samuel Damron was Tax Commissioner 1821, D-157, Adair County, Ky. Order Books of the County Court, and George Damron was Tax Commissioner 1821, D-269. Samuel Damron was recommended for Justice of the Peace 1829-E 213. F-405, ibid, shows Samuel Damron appointed guardian to Marion, Moses and Margaret Damron, infant heirs of Joseph Damron, decd., bond $600. Elsey Damron was Justice of the Peace 1871,L-306.

Judith Wilkerson married Joseph Hardin 9-30-1817, Adair County, Ky. and Will Book A-170, gives the will of Jemimah Wilkerson, Sept. 7, 1808, legatees: grandson Robert Wilkerson, son of my only son, Barnett Wilkerson, grand-daughter Nancy Wilkerson, daughter-in-law Judith Wilkerson. (Note by H.F.S. The Hardin family are the Harding family from the Northern Neck in Virginia, and their genealogy is now being done by Jennie Harding Cornelius, Heathsville, Va. and published by the Virginia State Library.) Judith Wilkerson Hardin had a third husband Thomas Edrington whom she married 6-14-1848 in Adair Co. and her Will in Will Book G-17, March 17, 1856, bequeaths to Syrena Hardin $35, the rest to daughters Nancy, wife of Samuel Damron, and Sarah A., wife of Hamilton Winfrey. Page 18 of the same book: Thos. Edrington relinquishes all claim to the estate of Judith Edrington to Cyrena Hardin, child of her deceased son Logan Hardin and her daughters Nancy Damron and Sarah Ann Winfrey. The 1850 census, Adair Co., Ky. shows in the 2nd district 423: Thomas Edrington, age 73, b. Va. and Judth Edrington, age 65, b. Va. Logan Hardin married Emily Jane Winfrey 12-25-1839, Adair Co. and Hamilton T. Winfrey m. Sarah A. Hardin, dau. of Joseph, 2-23-1841.

Robert Wilkerson decd. with Samuel Damron, Administrator, is in Adair Co. Order Book D, 388, 1823, and Order Book G, p. 238, in 1845, lists Joseph Hardin, decd., Judith, widow, adm.

The children of Samuel Damron and Nancy Wilkerson, daughter of Judith and _____ Wilkerson, were the following, order of birth not known:

1. Robert Damron m. Amanda F. Smith, 12-28-1848, Adair Co., Ky.Marriage Bonds.

2. Wilson N. Damron had the only Damron will in Adair County, Ky. and there was none in Green County, either. Will Book F-310: All estate to brothers and sisters. He leaves their parents to their care. Execs. Robert W. Damron and Elsey Damron. Dated Oct. 10, 1853, probated Sept. 3, 1854. Wilson Damron and Sarah McClain,dau. Charles McClain, were m. 1800 in Green Co. and I do not see any proof that Wilson N. was not their son instead of Samuel Damron, but Mrs. Burdette has Wilson N. Damron as "son of Samuel." The 1850 census lists Wilson M. age 22, Elzy, 20 etc. as children, according to Maxim Coppage, but the census does not specify children and I am wondering if Wilson might not be listed as a dependent, perhaps living with his uncle, and was merely assumed to be a child by Maxim Coppage.

3. Elsey Damron, son of Samuel and Nancy Damron. "Elzy Damron and Permelia J. Jones 8-19-1862," Adair Co., Ky. Marriage Bonds. "My father died in 1919 at the age of 87, and Uncle Sam died in 2 or 3 years after father, in Linchorin Co., Ky. He left three sons and these two daughters I have mentioned above. Of my father's children there were four of us, my brother Asure Damron and myself. He lives near me. He is 78 and I am 81 young. My husband died in 1940 at the age of 79. My brother's wife died 25 yrs. ago. They had two girls but both are dead. We have one nephew of our oldest sister and one niece of the other sister. One sister died in 1932 and the other in 1933." Quoted from Mrs. L.T. Neat, Columbia, Ky.1953. Her name was Mary Damron, and she had no children.

Mrs. Burdette wrote: "There are some of the Damron descendants here now... They are all people of good minds and much personal charm. Several of thewomen were andare great beauties. Many of them are red heads, others black-headed. They are fine people, full of magnetism." On Jan. 7, 1954, she wrote: "There are several people here now who are part Damron but I do not know any of the name. However, I hear there are one or two still in the old neighborhood up on Green River. Mrs. Neet's sister, Mrs. Frazier, who was one of the beauties died some time ago. One of her daughters died and the other, Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell,has no children. She comes here to see Mrs. Neet sometimes. She is a very handsome woman. Mrs. Young, Mrs. Neet's other sister, died and has one son living here who has two little girls... Then I have a friend, the one for whom I had done the research on the Damron family, who is descended from Robert Damron, son of Samuel and Nancy. She is Mrs. S.B. Willock of Campbellsville. She is a very fine person and will be interested when I show her the book. She has done so many nice things for me."

The children of Elsey Damron and Permelia J. Jones were:

(1.)"Lou Ellen Damron, dau. Elzy Damron, and James H. Young, married May 10, 1883," Marriage Bonds. They had one son who resides in Columbia, Ky. and has 2 ch. Their children were Jack, Elsey, Enna, Dorthea.

(2."Annie L. Damron, dau. Elzy, married W.E. Frazer, Nov. 25, 1886," Marriage Bonds. Her daughter Dorothy m. _____ Mitchell, and lives in Virginia.

(3.)Asure Damron, lives in or near Columbia, Ky.

(4.)Mary Damron, m. L. T. Neet or Neat, and lived in Columbia, Ky. in 1954.

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4. Lucy A. Damron is listed as age 18 in the 1850 census. "Lucy Ann Damron and Robert L. Reynolds 12-60-1850," Marriage Bonds. She was apparently the oldest daughter of Samuel and Nancy Damron. In 1869 they were in Boyle Co. Ch.: Bell, Andrew, Mary and Nancy.

5. Sanderson. "Sandy never married and was buried in our grandfather Damron's burying ground on the farm." He was age 16 on the 1850 census of Adair Co., Ky.

6. Mary, age 15 on the 1850 census. "Mary and Sanderson never married," Mrs. Burdette wrote.

7. Judith, age 14 on the 1850 census. She m. S.L. Rector, 2-3-1862, Adair Co. They lived in Casey Co., Ky. in 1869. Ch. Sam, Will, Lucy (Good), Sue (Taylor.)

8. John age 11 on 1850 census. "John S.'s marriage not on record Adair Co." His wife is listed as Sarah E. Damron in 1869, Deed Book V. p. 208. "John D. went to Texas and died there," Mrs. Neet stated. (Note: the 1870 census, Bell Co., Tex. lists: Damron, J.N., age 49, farmer, $3,000; b. Ky.; Berrilla, 43, b.Ky.; Sarah 23 b. Ky., Julia 21, b. Ky.; Amarilla 14 b. Texas; Richard 9, b. Tex., Abigale, 8, Anna 4."See p. 47-b, Part II.) This,therefore, is the"John N. Damron and Berilla Dority 3-6-1843," Marriage Bond, Adair Co., Ky.

9. Sarah A. age 9 in 1850 census She m. Samuel G. Banks, March 7, 1862, Marriage Bonds, Adair Co.

10. Nancy J., age 8 in 1850 census m. Logan S. McWhorter, in Oct. 1864, see Marriage Bonds, Adair Co. On 12-6-1871 Nancy J. McWhorter m. John W. Duvall (Durvall.)

11. "Samuel F. Damron, age 35, b. Adair Co., father b. N.C. mother b. Adair, and Nanie F. Robinson 28, b. Taylor Co. July 16, 1878," Marriage Bonds, Adair Co. He d. Linchorin Co., Ky. a few years after 1919. His children were:

(1) Mont Damron, living in Casey Co. 1953. Rev. Woodrow Damron is his son.
(2) Julia, living in Louisville, Ky. in 1953.
(3) Owen.
(4) Martha, of Phoenix, Ariz.
(5) Robert.

12. Ann E. Damron, age 5 in 1850 census. This must be Betty "Ann Elizabeth?) Mrs. Neet said "Bettie who died when a young girl, so our father told us."

13. Martha S. Damron, age 4, in 1850 census. Martha Susan m. Albert Hamilton Judd 11-15-1870, Marriage Bonds. Children: Wood, Vic, Sam, Grover, Robt. Eliz. (from Ruth Dorius.)

14. George Damron married Mary Young, March 11, 1869, Marriage Bonds, Adair Co. Ruth Dorius gives Mary F. Young as the name, same reference, and says "George and John both went to Texas;" information from Mrs. Neet, however, says: "George, the youngest boy, went to Oklahoma and died there."

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(Note: Mrs. L.T. Neet wrote in 1953, of the son of Samuel Damron and Nancy Edrington Damron, named Robert: "Don't know anything about Bob Damron but father said he went to Mo. and settled in Sedalia, Mo. and about 3 yrs. ago I rec'd a letter from Mrs. Magnola Major, Sedalia, Mo. telling me she was the only child of Bob Damron living and she and a daughter and 2 sons was all of Bob's children living. I had a letter from her not quite a year ago and said she was 78 yrs. so if she is living now that leaves only 4 of we Damron women living that I know of."

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Ruth Dorius found the following 1850 census records, Adair Co., Ky: Robert W. Damron, age 23, farmer, born Ky., Amanda W. 21, b. Ky., Elizabeth V. 16, b. Ky., George M. 22., b. Ky.

She also found in the 1850 census Adair Co. John S. Damron, age 60, b. Va., Sarah A. 55, b. Va., Elizabeth, 19, b. Ky., Judith Winneford, 89, b. Va. and Ruth Dorius added: "I believe we have this old lady's application for pension, where this John Damron says he knew her in Albemarle County, Va.) As her husband was Sgt. David Winneford, if John knew her in Albemarle, this would prove the family came from there. It seems clear that John S. refers to John T. Damron, as it is easy to misread an S. for a T. in the old script, and this must have been hard to read for we have this: Maxim Coppage in the 1860 census quotes it as "James S. Dameron of Adair County, Ky. age 60, m. Sarah A. ____, children: Elzey, 33, Sanderson, 31, John S., 25, George M. 22, Elizabeth, 19, Judith Winnefred, 89, Ky?" This could be garbled in copying. Also the children of one uncle could be living with another, especially if he were their guardian. It is possible that the places of birth are wrong in census records, too, as the person giving the information may not be sure. However, we have the following data: That John S. (T. I believe) Damron was born in Virginia, 1790, but Samuel was born in North Carolina, probably his brother.

On Aug. 10, 1939, Ms. Pearce received from the Adjutant General's Office, a letter stating "The records on file in this offic e do not show the place of enlistment or the residence at the time of discharge of John Damron who served in the War of 1812 as a private in the 7th Regiment (Barbee's) Kentucky Militia. Another from the same place Dec. 2, 1940 said: "The records of this office show that one John Damron serve d in the War of 1812 as a private in Captain John W. Shirley's Company, 7th Regiment (Barbee's) Kentucky Militia. His service expired March 23, 1813, and commenced Aug. 23, 1812."

Dec. 26, 1941, The National Archives, Washington, D.C. WC 31 292, wrote to her: "Among the pension records in The National Archives is a file, numbered as above, relating to the claim based upon the War of 1812 service of John "T." Damron. Information concerning the bounty land warrants issued to him has also been found in the records of the General Land Office now in The National Archives, Enclosed are summaries of the data pertaining to your inquiry which appear in these records:

"The records of the General Land Office now in the custody of The National Archives show that, under the Act of September 28, 1850, Warrant No. 11509 for 80 acres was issued to John T. Damron on June 28, 1851, for his services in the War of 1812. On April 28, 1852, in Adair County, Kentucky, he assigned his rights and title in this warrant to John A. Boyer. Under the Act of March 3, 1855, Warrant No.29257 for 80 acres was issued to John T. Damron on March 31, 1856, for his services in the War of 1812. On April 12, 1856, in Adair County, Kentucky, he assigned his rights and title in this warrant to James Morrison.

"SUMMARY SHEET, JOHN T. DAMRON, WC 31 292

"Parents: Names not shown. Birth. Date and Place not stated. In 1850 he was aged 62 years. Service. He enlisted in Columbia, Adair County, Kentucky, and served from August 23, 1812, to March 23, 1813, as a Private in Captain John W. Shirley's Company of Kentucky Militia. Bounty Land: John T. Damron was allowed 80 acres of bounty land on Warrant No. 11 509 under act of September 28, 1850. He was allowed 80 acres of boundy land on Warrant No. 29 257 under act of March 3, 1855.

"Pension: John T. Damron was allowed pension on Certificate No. 7 909 which was issued November 14, 1871, rate $8 per month, act of February 14, 1871, Louisville Kentucky Agency. His widow Emily J. Damron, was allowed pension on Certificate No. 31 292 which was issued March 3, 1881, rate $8 per month, act of March 9, 1878, Louisville, Kentucky Agency. Family: He married on December 14, 1857 in Adair County, Kentucky, Emily J. Hardin of Adair County, Kentucky. She was the widow of Logan Hardin who died on September 10, 1841, in Adair County, Kentucky. Emily J. Damron was aged 59 years in 1880. The veteran was a widower when he married Emily J. Hardin. There are no further family data.

"Residences: In 1850 and in 1855 he resided in Adair County, Kentucky. In 1871 he lived in Neatsville, Adair County, Kentucky. In 1880 Emily J. Damron resided in Adair County, Kentucky and her post office was Columbia, Adair County, Kentucky. In 1886 her post office was Neatsville, Kentucky, and she was residing in Adair County. Death: May 13, 1880, in Adair County, Kentucky.

"Information incident to pension payments may be obtained by addressing an inquiry to the Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office, Washington, D.C., and citng the above recorded data opposite "Pension."

NOTES ON GREEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Tax Rates 1801, July 21, JOHN McCLEAN, 200 acres. THOMAS WILSON on same list, also WM. PEMBERTON same list.

Green Co., Ky. Wills, Book 1, p. 13. WILL OF WILLIAM GILL. I WILLIAM GILL of the County of Green being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory (thanks be given to Almighty God) calling to mind the mortality of my body, knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die, make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, principally I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body I committ to the earth to be buried in a Christianlike and decent manner at the direction of my executors; now touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless mewith I give desire and bequeath as follows: Imprimis, First, I leave and bequeath unto my daughter SALLY ROBINSON thirteen hundred and fifty acres of land on Sandy by paying two hundred dollars in property at its real value to my daughter PEGGY GILL out of said land, likewise I give my daughter SALLY a negro girl named Ione to her and her heirs forever, likewise my daughter PATSY ROBERTS I leave two hundred acres of land on Bays Fork of Big Barren joining the landshe now lives on; also one negro man named Rod (?) to her and her heirs forever; likewise I give to my daughters PEGGY AND ESTHER GILL the land I now live on to be divided equally between them, including the purchase made from John Abney, also one negro woman Sarah to my daughter Peggy to her and her heirs forever; I give one negro girl named pol to my daughter Esther and to her heirs forever, also one young mare two years old to my daughter Esther and as for my stock and moveable property to be sold at public sale to discharge my lawful debts, at twelve months credit; likewise all my lands and notes when collected to be equally divided among my Legatees. I likewise constitute make and ordain Allen Wakefield and William Brownlee Executors to my last will and testament. I do hereby utterly revoke and disannule all and every other and former Will, Legacies, Bequests, Ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and testament. In Witness Whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of February one thousand and eight hundred and four. The word (and fifty) and (Sally) interlined before signing.

WILL McMURTRY WILL GILL.
WILL BROWNLEE

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Entry Book, Green Co., Ky.: SHULTS, DAVID, 200 acres, Green River, p. 149. STULTS, GEORGE, 200 acres, Sulphur Lick Creek, p. 191. Surveyed for David Shults 100 acres of second rate land May 27, 1799, being in the County of Green on south side of Green River. JAMES BERRY, D. SHERIFF: WILL BUCKNER, SHERIFF, Green Co. JOSEPH SERAT and CHARLES McCain (wits.)

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Green County, Ky. Deeds, Book 7, p. 134. Aug. 7, 1815, between JAMES LILE and MILLY LILE his wife of Green County and DAVID SHULTS of same county, 100 pounds, for a tract which is part of a military survey in the name of John R. Davis south side Green River in Greasy Creek watters of Little Barren River, 60 acres. Wit. Bryant Trent, Cornelius Royalty, James Trent.

P. 110, Book 8, has JAMESSHORT TO WM. SHORT.

Note: As Adair Co., Ky. was not formed until 1801, Sarah Shultz could not have been born in Adair but must have been born in the former county it was taken from.

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CASEY COUNTY, KY. Mrs. Burdette found the following on Delinquents in Tax Listfor 1810: Capt. Caskey's Co. SHULTZ, JACOB--Casey Co. DAMRON, GEORGE, address unknown. DAMRON WILSON, address, Ohio. Casey Co. Deed Book 4, p. 88, Dec. 20, 1862 has JOHN D. Thomasand Sally, H. T. Breeding and Mary A., heirs of Robt. T. Damron, deceased. Mrs. Burdette said there was no question that Wilson was the son of George Damron of Green Co., Ky. In Russell Co., Va. we found 1793, GEORGE DAMRON Petition and Summons, dismissed Book 2, p. 116, Court Orders.

We went to Frankfort to the Historical Society and could find almost nothing.

NOTES ON GREEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

In 1956 Alice Mary Aiken and I went to Kentucky and found the following additional information. Green was taken from Lincoln 1793 and from Nelson. Nelson was taken from Jefferson 1784. Adair was taken 1801 from Green, Barren 1798 from Green and Warren; Cumberland 1798 from Green, Pulaski 1798 from Green and Lincoln. Taylor was taken from Adair 1848. The first counties were Lincoln 1780, Jefferson 1780 and Fayette 1780.

No. 1 Early Marriage Records 1795-1819: Wilson Dameron to Sarah McClain 1806, July 17, by Jeremiah Able. Book 1817-1886 showed John Moody to Nancy F. Hatcher.

Minute Book 1794 to 1800, p. 32: JOHN BROCK, MOTION: at a court held 13 Sept. 1796, Will Gill directs them or any two of them to attend John Brock. P. 43, 1796--to GEORGE DAMOND for five woolfs scalp over six months 2.00. P. 43, 1796, Will Gill viewed a place at Pitman's Creek. On p. 50 is James Goolsby and on 76 John Chism. (These names were in John Damron's company in the Revolution, Goolsby and Chism. The first book of Court Records has been lost, only No. 2 was there. P. 89 lists Will Gill 1797, Alexander Carson p. 95, in 1798; James Young 1798. The court minute book had no index. It began July 24, 1794. William Gill's inventory was 13--8.03.78. No Berry and no Shipley were listed.

The Court Records showed further: p. 101 1798. To GEORGE DAMERON for wolf scalps over six months old 0.8.0. 1799--Fenenal R. Wilson vs. James Walker. P. 148, 1800, WILL THOMPSON entered 200 acres of land on south of Green River, 39 acres is taken by a military claim p. 148, upon satisfactory proof thereof being made. SAMUEL DOWNING is on p. 148. On p. 159 is JOSEPH BERRY and SAMUEL TAYLOR. A road was surveyed "from Breensburg to Linconton courthouse to the county line through the lands of Barret, Walter Beal, Abraham Hardin, Stephen Hardin, Joseph Berry and Samuel Taylor. In 1799 JOHN CHISM Sheriff was very sick, B. 7, p. 134 has Shultz.

Court Record Book beginning Apr. 15, 1800, p. 1. has SPENCER WILSON. P. 3 has WILL THOMPSON. P. 40 1801 has ROBERT TODD, JAMES YOUNG. P. 51 has CHARIES MCCLAIN for 100 acres, July 21, 1801, granted. P. 51 has JOSEPH MOODY 1801, same list for 173 acres and JAMES CRESON for 400acres, same list. p. 52 has same order in favor of JOHN SHULTZ for 144 acres, 1801, July 21. Above are the tax rates, at Frankfort.

Entry Book, Green Co., Ky. GEORGE DAMRON 200 acres on Green River, p. 103: Surveyed for George Damron 200 acres of second rate land by virtue of a certificate No. 1228, entered October the 12th 1798 lying and being in the County of Green on DAMREL'S CREEK branch of Green River, beginning at a hickory to sugar trees standing on the east side of the creek running thence....poles, crossing the creek to a chestnut oak and dogwood on the top of a knob... etc.

JAMES BERRY D. Sheriff.
WILL BUCKNER, Sheriff, Green Co.

JOHN SHULTS : C.C.
JOHN McCLINE

P. 56, July 1801. JOHN PETER BONDURANT AND SUSANNAH BONDURANT are appointed administrator and administratrix of the estate of GEORGE DAMRON, Decd. and the proper oath administered to them and with Robert Thomas executed and acknowledged bond in the penalty of L 800 for the faithful administration of the said deceased's estate. Next item was July 1801, John Rodgers etc. appointed judges of the ensuing election. Next item: GEORGE DAMRON, ROBERT THOMAS, HENRY WINFREY or two of them being first sworn are appointed to appraise the personal estate and slaves if any of GEORGE DAMRON, deceased, and report.

P. 57. JOHN HARVY to view road "from Stultzes to Wilsons, beginning at Pettit's Fork down Russell Creek to Big Creek. P. 67 has Peter Creeson 1801 and Jas. Williams. 1802-- Zachariah Taylor 200 acres. 1803--Will Thompson; 1804 March 26, p. 144--William Gell, deceased, appr. Samuel Jones, Joseph Merideth, Will Vance, Ruben Vaughn. Downings are here. P. 146 Wm. Brownlee appt. guardian to PEGGY GILL and EASTER GILL, orphans of Wm. Gill, decd . sec. John C. Allen, Wm. Rhea. This book ends 1804.

NOTES ON ADAIR COUNTY, KENTUCKY

In Adair we tried to look up the Equity Cases but the books were behind a desk and some files and the Clerk did not want to bother to get at them, so we did not do so. Ruth Burdette said she looked for Damrons in the little boxes holding the cases which were up on the high shelves and found nothing to add to the ancestry though there was a long case in which Damrons were involved which she did not copy. It showed the Damrons used boats on Green River. We noted the following items:

Court Records, p. 7. June 28, 1802. The court procedded to lay off this county into districts for constable...The bounds of CAPTAIN DAMRON one district that of Capt.Woolford one district, Capt. Young, Capt. Warren, Capt. Duke, Capt. White, Capt. Laughton, each one district. This referred to the local militia.

P. 205, Feb. 2, 1806. Robt. T. Damron 150 acres, Green River, proof given. P. 206, GEO.REYNOLDS 200 acres, Big Clifty, 1806, Feby. 3. On same day GEORGE DAMRON recorded his ear mark:a swallow fork in the right ear in a cross and under bit in the left is ordered to record. Robt. Thomas also recorded his ear mark. All book A was checked.

Book A, p. 207, Order Books: Wilson Damron on this page. Feb. 3, 1806. JNO. M. McCLAIN relinquishes his claim to 220 acres on Damrol's Creek as certified Green Co. Court M. 160. WILSON DAMRON relinquishes his claim to 400 acres of land on the waters of Russell's Creek unto Jno. Milser (?) Book A. p. 9: GEORGE DAMRON is appointed surveyor June 28, 1802, of a road leading from Abner Rosses (?) to Tuckers Stake...from Capt. Thomas's mill to his settlement on Green River. An item on 15, 25, we could not find, for CAPT. DAMRON (DEMRON it was spelled). George Damron was listed 16, and DAVID SHOULTZ 17. On p. 14, 1802, DAVID SHULTZ had 168 acres on Goose Creek, same ord. Aug. 23, 1802. Proof of land. WALKERS were in this county, too.

Book 11, 524 had JOSEPH DONNON vs. Mary Martin, Mar. 1830. SAMUEL DAMRON and wife vs. JOSEPH HARDIN and wife, Sept. 1826, Book G, 181. This may be the boat case. Book G. 37,June, 1828. JOHN T. DAMRON et al vs. John & Robert Caskey. Book J, p. 227, JOHN T. DAMRON vs. Wm. Hicks, Mar. 1837.

We copied down the Damrons in the Adair Co., Ky. Index to Order Books:
Damron, Geo. appt. of surveyor, 1802. Ear mark certified 1806.
Robert T. Damron, land warrant 1806. Apptd Constable 1811.
Wilson Damron, land entries relinquished 1806.
John Damron, appointment of surveyor 1819. Road viewer apptd. 1830.
Samuel Damron, appt. of Tax commissioner 1820. Apptd. Guardian 1823. Apptd. surveyor 1827. Rec. Justice of Peace 1829. Samuel apptd. Dep. Assessor 1863. Land W. 1886. Samuel Damron Land Warrant 1886.
John Damron apptmt. tobacco inspector 1821.
George W. Damron. Renewal of bond Constable, 1823. Apptd. Guardian 1827. Resignation as Constable 1830. Tax List 1833. Licence Tavern 1858.
Emily Damron (minor), Article of apprenticeship 1830.
Joseph Damron, Est. appt. adm. for 1835. Estate appt. appraisers for, 1835.
Marion, Moses, Margaret, minors, appt. Guardian for, 1841. Moses, Marion, Margaret Inv. and appraisal. 1849.
Wilson N. Damron, Will Probated 1853.
Elsey Damron appt. of Surveyor, 1854. El. for Justice of Peace 1871. Licence (whiskey), Granted 1884. Petition of Elsey for licence for whiskey 1895.
J hn T. Damron, Justice of Peace. about 1854-58. Renewal of Bond JP 1869.
Robert W. Damron, appt. Deputy Assessor, 1864.
John S. Damron, Land warrant 1872.
Mollie J. Damron, minor, Guardian appt. 1875.
John T. Damron, exonerated from poll tax 1879.
Irena Damron, Declaration of Pauper, 1877.
Elzy Damron, Land Warrant, 1884.
H.C.Damron, land Warrant 1882.
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" Clay Damron, 1885, B. 3, p. 256.
" Elzy Damron Mar. 1891, B. 4, p. 314.
" Alfred Damron Sept. 1891, B. 3, p. 348.
" Elzy Damron, Mar. 1892, B. 3, p. 425.
" " " 1894.
" " " 1896.
" Azure Damron etc. 1898.
" Asia, 1901.

Above had no Shultz, no Ladds, no McCleans. The name William Gill was in Adair Co., Ky.

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SURVEYS, ADAIR COUNTY, KENTUCKY: Book A, p. 167.

Surveyed for JOHN SHULTS assignee of Charles McClane 100 acres of land lying in the County of Adair and State of Kentucky on Green River by virtue of a certificate granted by the County Court of Green for settlement No. 130 entered Sept. 12th 1807, Beginning on White Oak and hickory in a line of LADDS SURVEY called the Beaver Pond Survey thence S. 26 E 120 poles to a poplar and beach thence N 64 E 133½ poles to the beginning. November the 7th, 1807.

THOMAS HAMMONDS D. S.
WILLIAM M. GREELY, S.A.C.

GEORGE BANRON :
JAMES BERRYMAN or PERRYMAN (?) : C.C.
JOHN SHULTS, DIRECTOR :

Mrs. Burdette, the genealogist in Columbia, Ky. said George W. Damron went to Illinois or Indiana. She said she gave the copy of the Damron book which I sent to her to Mrs. Willock in Campbellsville, Ky., who was a Damron. She said no Damrons lived in Columbia now but Jack Young and Mrs. Willock at Campbellsville.

INDEX TO WILLS, ADAIR COUNTY, KY:

Damron, W. N., Devisees--immediate family, 1854, Sept. 5, Book F, 310.
McLean, Sallie F. 1924, devisees: Fred, Virgie, Frances Venser, Joseph L., Jr. Edwin M., Wallace H.

Mrs. Burdette knew of O. H. P. Snow and said he was a leading citizen of the Cumberland region, Clinton Co. but that Clinton records were burned in the Civil war. She said she thought O.H. P. Snow was buried in Russell Co. and that Samuel's was his father or son. She was looking for Benj. Bowling m. Prudence Callicott and went from N.C. to Ky. Mrs. Welch, a Columbia genealogistalso, was looking for Joseph Russell and Montgomerys. It was about 90 mi. to Corbin from Columbia.

JOHN T. DAMRON, SARAH ANN WINNEFORD AND EMILY J. HARDIN

VI. JOHN T. DAMRON, son of George Dameron and Susannah Thomas, was probably born 1795 in Virginia. In 1814 in Adair Co., Ky. he married Sarah Ann Winneford, b. 1795, in Virginia, dau. of Judith and David Winneford, her brothers being Jeffry and David Winneford. In 1857 he married in Adair Co., Ky. Emily J. Hardin, and by her had one son, name unknown. (This may be John T. Damron of Illinois.) The children of John T. Damron that are known are the following but there may have been others:

1. Martha Damron, dau. John, married George W. Cundiff, Dec. 20, 1830, Adair Co. Children, Sallie, Damron.
2. Elizabeth Damron b. 1831, in Kentucky m. Wm. Renfro, Apr. 1853, Adair Co.

3. George W. Damron (George Winneford) married Elizabeth VanHook Watson, Nov. 6, 1850, Adair Co., Ky. (On 6-23-1864 Geo. W. Damron married Lura A. Batsell, Adair Co., Ky.)

(1) Mollie J. Damron, dau. Geo. W., married Junius Hancock, Dec. 29, 1875, Adair Co., Ky. Their children were: Fred, Wallace, Nat, Betty, Martha, Geo., Henry, Nelle. Mrs. Burdette wrote: "Of the girls descended from John T. Damron who married, insuccession, Judge Junius Hancock, there are a few descendants living, none too interested except a friend of mine, an inlaw, Mrs. George Winneford Hancock, whose husband, theDamron descendant, is dead. She has two daughters."

4. Possibly John T. Damron or John S. Damron. In 1830 in Weakley County, Tenn. census we find John T. Damron 20-30 yrs., with 1 male over 100 years, Samuel, 20-30, John Jr., 30-40 (son of Capt. John b. 1757 in Va.), Constantine L. 20-30 (son of Capt. John); Moses (son of Capt.John), and Charles age 30-40, son of Wilson Damron of Adair Co., Ky. We also find John T. Damron in Williamson Co., Ill. 1840, 6 males.

MICKEY DAMRON AND RICHARD GENTRY OF ADAIR COUNTY, KY.

VI. "MICKEY DAMRON seemed to be the only daughter of George and Susannah. She married Richard Gentry and reared a family here. It is not known whether the marriage of Micky Gentry and Jonas Austin in 1835 was a second marriage for Richard's widow or if it was his daughter's marriage," quoted from Ruth Burdette.

"Richard Gentry and Mickey Damron, dau. of Geo. Damron, decd. and Susanah Bondurant, 7-21-1802," Marriage Bonds. "Jonas Austin and Mikey Gentry 2-3-1835," Marriage Bonds. Richard was the son of Nicholas Gentry, as shown by Deed Book B-256, Adair Co., Ky. July 4, 1809: Henry Gentry and Pinah, Elijah Bowman and Elizabeth, Zachariah Gentry, Richard Gentry, Robert Gentry, Benj. Gentry, Wm. Goudge and Sarah, Alex Hardin and Jane, Charles Cavenser and Mary, Sarah Gentry and Westley Gentry, all heirs of Nicholas Gentry, decd. to Wm. and Davis Moss, 225 acres on Casey's Creek, for $334." The following shows the Gentry marriages: (Adair County; in Kentucky.)

Benj. Gentry and Mimah Simpson, dau. Sarah Simpson 11-28-1806.
Wm. Gouge and Sally Gentry, 4-11-1803, Bondsman, Richard Gentry.
Benj. Gentry and Rachel Philips, dau. James and Nancy Philips, 4-19-1809.
Robert Gentry and Goody Simpson, dau. Sarah and Elijah Simpson, 3-3-1806.
Westley Gentry and Sally Breeding, 6-9-1815.

The Will of Richard Gentry is in Book C-540, 12-6-1830, Adair Co., Ky. It gives property to wife during her widowhood, and mentions eight children, five of whom are single. Some live in Missouri. Executors were friends Mikey Gentry and John Bailey Gentry. Witnesses Johnston Watson and Henry Binghman. Probated Dec. 6, 1830. On p. 753: John B. Gentry, exec. of Richard Gentry, decd. settlement. Laura and James B. Dillingham have received their part. George D. Gentry has received his part. (Note: "Friends" is a term which often referred to a close relative of a child in early manuscripts.) From the above we see that Richard Gentry had the following children:

1. Laura who married James B. Dillingham.
2. George D. who married Mariah Phelps, dau. Mrs. Frances Phelps, 7-10-1834.
3. Six others.----- We know that Susan Gentry was one listed as dau. of Richard when she married George Atkins, 3-30-1824, Adair Co.

The following marriages may show other children of Richard Gentry, Adair Co.

Jonothan Gentry and Betsey McQuery, 1-4-1827.
John Gentry and Rachel Womack, 9-11-1828.

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JOSEPH DAMRON AND MARGARET HARRISON

VI. JOSEPH DAMRON, son of George Damron and Susanah Thomas, married Margaret Harrison, dau. of Wm. Harrison, 6-1-1826, Adair Co., Marriage Bonds. He died in Adair County, Ky. 1835, as James Burk administered his estate, Oct. 5, 1835 (F-119, Adair Co. Order Books.) F-405 shows Samuel Damron appointed guardian to Marion, Moses and Margaret Damron, infant heirs of Joseph Damron, decd. Bond $600." No date given.

WILSON DAMRON AND SARAH MCCLAIN

VI. "WILSON DAMRON and Sarah McClain, dau. Charles McClain, son of Geo. Damron, decd. Robt. Thomas, gdn., Mar. 14, 1800," Green County, Ky. Marriage Bonds, this county being later on named Adair County. Miss Arline Young, Columbia, Ky. has the McClain family Bible of John McClain, Sr. b. Feb. 26, 1776, m. Apr. 17, 1800, to Mary (Polly) Coffey, b. May 5, 1779. This name is also spelled McLane and McLean, etc. There was a famous Revolutionary hero in Pennsylvania named Allen McLane, chief of "McLane's Raiders" which saved the soldiers at Valley Forge by supplying food for them. Mrs. P. T. Chapman's History of Gallatin County, Ill., p. 367 says: "Charles Damron, an old resident of this county, was born in Ky. and his father was Wilson Damron who was a native of Va. Wilson was a scout of Daniel Boone. He later removed to that swction of N.W. territory that made Ill. He was in the employ of a fur company and at one time made explorations into the Yellowstone River country. He spent his last days near Springfield, Mo. The maiden name of his wife was McLane. Charles (the first) came with his parents to this state, and while living in Saline Co. 1818 voted for the adoption of the first constitution. After his marriage to Mary Carson, he removed to Weakly County, Tenn. where he resided until 1832, when he again came to Ill. and settled in the Tunnel Hill township on the farm now owned by John Bonar where he lived until his death in 1878. He was known for his good deeds. The children were J. M.C. (2), Samuel, Norval, James, Mary, Mexico, Jane, Drucilla, Almus." In Franklin County, Ill. 1818, census, we find Wilson Damron with 7 in the house, beside John Damron, Sr. and John Damron, Jr. etc. John Damron, Jr. married Sarah Elizabeth Shultz and she was b. Adair County, Ky. John Damron, Jr. moved to Weakly Co., Tenn. with the other Damrons, and in 1830 in Weakley Co., we find John T. Damron, with one male over 100 years, Samuel, John Jr., Constantine L., Moses, Charles etc.

THE DAMERONS OF ILLINOIS

Charles P. Damron, attorney, Ozark Building,Farmington, Mo. wrote to Nell Pearce Jan. 22, 1949: "My grandfather, Charles WittenberryDamron, was a staunch Methodist, and when my father arrived on the scene, he gave him the middle name Wesley after the noted Methodist preacher, John Wesley. I have been told that my grandfather in his day was what they called a Class Leader in the Methodist Church and in her history of Johnson Co., Mrs. Chapman says he was noted for his good works."

Attached was a note on the will of his grandmother, first will book, p. 82, Johnson Co., Ill. "MARY D. DAMRON, Dec'd, 1884. Will & est. papers in Box No. 7, J.M.C. and J.W. Damron, EXRS. Legatee's: S. L. Anderson, grandchild; Mary D. Chapman, N.C. Anderson, Ida E. Anderson, John A. Anderson, Mary Graves, W.C. Graves, John M. Damron, Samuel F. Damron, Samuel W. Damron, Charles N. Damron, James W. Damron, Charles W. Graves (grandchild), Mary S. M. Graves, child of Hester A. M. Graves, formerly Hester A. M. Damron, my daughter, Alice Worley, my granddaughter, child of Marila D. Worley, formerly Marila D. Damron, my daughter, now deceased, Almus G. Damron, my son, John M.C. Damron, my son, James W., Damron, my son, Almus G. Damron, my son, last three to be my exrs., Will made Aug. 1873. Witnesses: L. Wm. Fern,Sanbun, Ills., B. L. Smith, Vienna, Ills."(Listed as sons were Samuel W., Charles N., and James W. Damron.)

Further note shows that"Charles Damron m. 1st Uriah Carson, 2nd Mary Carson. She was b. in the middle part of Tenn. and d. 1882 in Johnson Co., Ills. Charles D. lived in Saline Co., Ills. removed to Weakley Co., Tenn. about 1852, left Tenn. for Johnson Co., Ills. He died 1878. Dr. John M.C. Damron, born 2/20/1824 in Weakley Co., Tenn. died 1904. He was a resident of Vienna, Ills., Johnson Co. Practiced in Saline Co., Ills., also in 1855 removed to Vienna, he was married to Elizabeth Buckner in 1850, she d. 1852. He was a member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Vienna, Ills."

"Wilson Damron m. Miss McClain. He was born in Va. came to Ky. was associated with Daniel Boone, went from Ky. to Territory of Mo. worked for a fur company at Springfield, Mo." Charles was son of Wilson b. in Va., rem. from Va. to Ky. where he was an assoc. of Daniel Doone. Dr. J.M.C. of Vienna was son of Charles b. in Ky.

Mrs. Pearce also sent a note: "I have located Noble Ladd Damron, son of John Damron, Sr. at last. I was just reeling off some Tennessee counties trying to get to another county in 1830 Census, migrofilm machine, when all of a sudden I saw the name Damron, reeled back to that page and there was:

"Obion County, Tenn. 1830 Census: Noble L. Damron 40 to 50
M. 1 under 5
1 5 to 10
2 10 to 15
F. one, wf."

"Of course, then I got busy, searched 1840-50 Obion County, Tenn. but could not find him in this county or in any of the surrounding counties, wonder if he died or what happened to him.Maybe he after 1830 census went to Texas and joined his brother John. Ruth and Mariam up to date have not located Noble Ladd any place.

"I found one Joseph Dameron in 1830 census Lincoln Co., Tenn. Lincoln is straight down the Tenn. river from Weakley and earlier counties where the Damrons were very early. This Tenn. river also cuts right through Ky. into Weakley and earlier Tenn. counties adj. Weakley."

Miss Aiken wrote: "Searched a long time among Thompson papers, found nothing, Russell Co., Va., nor in Washington Co. No Cynthia but had Celia as family name."

THE DESCENDANTS OF DUNMORE DAMERON

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, m. Dorothy _____ and was in Northumberland Co., Va. 1652.

II. GEORGE, d. 1698, of Northumberland, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis. He inherited the old Dameron estate at Guarding Point on Chesapeake Bay.

III. LAZARUS d. 1749 in Albemarle Co., Va. m. Elizabeth Smith. He was the first Dameron to sell his inheritance and moved to King George County and Albemarle. His children were: Winifred m. John Thomas; Judith m. Noble Ladd and had daughter Anna who m. Capt. John Damron b. 1757; John d. 1757 and had a son Charles and perhaps one named Al and others; Richard, d.s.p.; Moses, who inherited the estate of Lazarus, and George.

IV. GEORGE, son of Lazarus, who had land in Buckingham and Albemarle. In 1755 he had a patent on Hardware River and Briery Creek in Albemarle, 400 acres next to Hugh Morris, north side of Hardware River. His wife was Anne _____, perhaps Toney or Thany or Thone. (A plot of 150 acres on the south side of the Fluvanna River was surveyed for Bishop Toney May 20, 1747, by Wm. Cabell, surveyor.) The children of George Dameron are not all identified except George and Dunmore's father, Michael.

1. George Dameron, Revolutionary soldier with Morgan's Riflemen. He m. Susannah Thomas, dau. of John and Ann Thomas, and moved to Green Co., Ky., where his inventory was Sept. 15, 1801. His descendants live now in Adair County, Ky. and nearby.

2. Perhaps Daniel Dameron, who had a substitute in Capt. Cabell's Co. 1777.

3. Michael Dameron who was taxed in Buckingham in 1784 with George Dameron.

V. MICHAEL, who deeded land to Branson Laking, 1793-1801, Fluvanna Deed Book 3, p. 364. We do not know all his children but Dunmore was one and perhaps Page or Littlepage Dameron, who was bondsman for Elizabeth Dameron and Phillip Thurmond in 1826 marriage bond, Nelson County, Va. Register. Mary Smith Dameron of Nelson m. John W. Carter and was related to Page Dameron. She was b. 1788.

VI. DUNMORE DAMERON, son of Michael. He m. Patsey Cox, daughter of George, bond dated July 26, 1798, bondsman John Davis. (Marriage Bonds of Fluvanna, Va. prior to 1801, by the Misses Curry.) Dunmore was b. 1773. Alimae Aiken found deeds for him as follows: Dunmore Dameron from John Matthews, 1800, 100 acres north side of Anne Laugh Creek. Dunmore Dameron from Reuben I. Mitchell, 1804, Narrowbone Mountain. Both deeds were in Amherst County, Va. His children were the following:

1. John, who moved to Buckingham County, Va. when young. A John Dameron m. Phebe Goodrich in 1813, Feb. 15, Amherst Co., Va. Also a John m. Lucy Peyton, 1837.

2. Drury C. Dameron, who went to Missouri as a young man. In Nelson Co., Va. he m. Charlot D. Martin in1824, and he was on the 1840 census for Amherst Co., Va.

3. Zachariah Dameron, who had a son Hiram. Hiram's son Elbert lives at 909 Amherst Avenue, Altavista, Va. He m. his cousin Rosa Dameron, b. near Rockfish Depot, Nelson Co., Va.

4. Samuel, b. 1800, moved to Nelson Co., Va. about 1824. His son Zechariah (Leland) was b. Cumberland County, Va. 1828, and had ch: Rosa m. Elbert Dameron; Ella, age 87 in 1954, when she lived at 601 Park Street, Charlottesville, Va.; John, whose daughter is Betty Bonham, Schuyler, Va.; Mrs. Willie Dabney, Rockfish, Va.

5. Lee. This may be Leland Dameron, bondsman in 1839 for Nancy C. Dameron and Isaac Newton. In 1836 Leland Damron m. Susanna Powell.

6. Perhaps Polly Dameron, as Dunmore Dameron was bondsman in 1836 in Nelson Co., Va. when she m. Joseph Thomas.

Some very valuable research was done by Alimae Aiken of the Madison College for Girls, Harrisonburg, Va. which proved that the father of Dunmore Dameron was Michael, and other important facts as follows:

A letter 2-15-54 from Mrs. Rosa Dameron, 909 Amherst, Altavista, Va. said: "Both our great-great grandfather was Mike Dameron, our great-grandfather was Dunmore Dameron, and Elbert's grandfather was Zachariah Dameron and my, Rosa Dameron's grandfather, was Samuel Dameron. Elbert's father was Zack's son, name Hiram Dameron. My, Rosa's father, was named Zachariah Dameron, son of Samuel Dameron. My, Rosa's, father Zach was born in Cumberland Co., Virginia, in 1828. I, Rosa, have heard my father Zachariah say his father moved to Nelson County when my father was (two) 2 years old. Elbert and I, Rosa, was born in Nelson County near Rockfish Depot, now either of us do not know much about our Dameron origan, so now we know of an aged lady who said she was a Dameron. I will refer you to her. She is Mrs. Mary Dise, 1109 Church Street, Lynchburg, Va. I hope you can get all reference from Mrs. Dise. You can tell Mrs. Dise I gave her name to you. I am yours, (Signed) Mrs. Rosa Dameron Dameron (maiden name Dameron, too). I forgot to mention we know Mrs. Betty Bonham personally. She is Rosa's 3d cousin and Elbert's 1st cousin." Alimae Aiken notes: "This is from the Altavista family mentioned in the letter from Mrs. Betty Bonham of Schuyler, Va. (Nelson Co.)

A note from Mrs. John Andrews Wells (Bertha Cammie Dameron), 708 E. High Street, Charlottesville, Va. says: "My father's full name was Zachariah Leland Dameron. He was born year of 1828. My grandfather's full name was Samuel Dameron. He was born year of 1800. My great-grandfather Dameron's full name was Dunmore Dameron. He was born year of 1773." She did not know the places of birth. The note was sent by Ella Dameron.

Another letter was from Ada N. Dameron, 935 Kellog Avenue, N.W., Roanoke, Va., Feb. 14, 1954: "I found your letter most interesting, and as far as the Dameron generation goes is only what I know through my husband, Wilbur Thomas Dameron, whose father's name was Thomas Benton, and his mother's name (maiden) was Eveline Sargeant. My husband's father had only two children, Wilbur and a daughter named Stella Dameron. She died when she was 34 years old in the year 1906. My husband lived on his father's home place all his life after his father's death. My husband was only 5 years old when his father died in 1873 as I remember. His family was raised and lived in Albemarle County. I don't know who my husband's grandparents were. However, my husband's father had four brothers--James Dameron (Jim) who has lived in Buckingham County a long time. He died in 1928. His widow and family are now living there. Then Robert Dameron (Bob) lived in Lynchburg. He was never married. He died around 1912. Then Monroe Dameron lived on the old Dameron farm (this is part of the farm my husband lived on) near Scottsville. This farm is now owned by Bennie Leap, Scottsville, Va. He recently bought this farm from his father Joe Leap. Then there was John Dameron, the last we heard of him he left to go to Texasto live. There was also two girls--Sally, who was last known as living in Lynchburg, Va. in 1912 and Ellen Dameron. She married a man by the name of Moon. Of this marriage 2 children were born--Lessie Moon and James. Both children are dead now, then Ellen married Robertson and the last time a Jake Tilman. In 1903 she died. As far as the family tree goes back I don't know very much, but I do know James Dameron I spoke of did have an old family Bible and record, and his widow Clemey Baber Damron, and her two sons, Joe & Robert, still live together in Buckingham, and if you wrote them a letter they could probably tell you the name of their father's mother and father (my husband's great grandparents too). Their mailing address is Scottsville, Va. but mark on the envelope Buckingham Co., if not it may go elsewhere. (James Dameron was buried there on his home place.) He was a school teacher.

"Yes, some spell the name Damron with an E in it, but the reason we did this was to keep the mail from getting mixed up as so often the mail went to Dawson's who lived in the same territory. I don't believe the name Damron was derived from Damron. I know a wonderful lawyer in Charlottesville, Va. named Clinton Wingfield...he would be glad to go with you to the court house and trace back the old Dameron history...

"Yes, the early Damerons did live on Hardware River, also the James River. My son, Gordon, who lives on our old home place, wrote me that you had paid him a visit. Often, I have heard my husband speak of the Ladds.

"I was only 15 years old when I married Wilbur. He was 25. I was Ada Robinson, who all my life lived near his home place. He died in May, 1939. He was the police of Scottsville. I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you some time... If you can dig up any more information,please keep me informed."

Miss Aiken wrote: "Mrs. Ada Dameron is the mother of Gordon Dameron near Scottsville on Hardware River. Mrs. James Dameron (Clemey Baber Dameron) is the lady with whom I talked in Buckingham Co. and she showed me the Lynchburg Dameron's will. She said that she had no other records. I told Mrs. Ada D. that she could trace the owners of the farm back through the deeds...this is why she mentions selling it to Mr. Leap."

A letter from Ella Dameron, 601 Park Street, Charlottesville, Va., of Jan. 27, 1954, said: "The letter which you sent to Mrs. Willie Dabney, Rockfish, has been referred to me. Mrs. Willie Dabney is my sister. She is 91 years old. She lost her eyesight a year or maybe two years ago. She is blind and in bad health. In the first place, none of our immediate family know much about the Damron and Dameron history. Some years ago someone loaned us a brief history of the first Damerons who came over from England and settled in Northumberland County. As near as I remember his name was Lawrence, with his family. After that, as the family descended, they began to move to other places until they reached Albemarle County, Va. Then the history closed. That was just before my great-grandfather's birth in the year of 1773. My great-grandfather's name was Dunmore Dameron. I don't know his birthplace. My great-grandfather had five sons, namely, John, Drury, Samuel, Lee, Zack. His son Drury Dameron immigrated to Missouri in his young manhood. I have heard he married before he left Va. Great-grandfather's son John moved to Buckingham Co., Va. in his young days. I never heard of any correspondence after these two left the home. I suppose these things took place before my father's time. My grandfather was Samuel Dameron. He was born in the year of 1800. My father's name was Zechariah Dameron. He was born in the year 1828. I don't know his birthplace. We never heard of the Damerons and Damrons you wrote about until you mentioned them in your letter. There are Damerons in Lynchburg, Va. also in N.C. and other places, but we don't know their origin. Neither have we seen them. Dameron is the original way to spell Dameron. I am sorry I can't give you more information. My grandfather was a farmer. My father was a bookkeeper, also taught school. I am 87 years old and a 'shut in,' walking just a little bit with 2 canes, afflicted with arthritis and other ailments. Sincerely (Ella Dameron). P.S. Please excuse me for using a pencil in writing. My hand is not very steady. I can't trust pen and ink." The writing is in a good clear hand. Alimae Aiken wrote: "she is from Nelson Co. which has many Damerons.

Alimae Aiken was referred to the above in a letter from Betty Bonham, Schuyler, Va. Jan. 5, 1954: "My father was named John Damron, son of Zeckariah and Frances Thomas Damron, grandfather died in Jan. 91. My mother and father died in ten weeks of each other, when I was 13 years old and I lived with mother's people afterwards. (She was a Noel.) I have seen very few of the Damrons since except Mrs. Ponton's (?) family. She is my first cousin. We have a cousin in Charlottesville, Ella Damron, who might give you a few details, older than I. Write Mrs.W.E.Cookenour, Schuyler, Va...or Elbert Damron, Altavista. He is uncle Hiram 's son."

Ella Dameron wrote to me March 1, 1954: "Dunmore Dameron was my great-grandfather. I think he had five sons and two daughters. I don't know how their ages run. Drury Dameron married Charlotte Martin and immigrated to Missouri. John Dameron went to Buckingham. I don't know who he married. Lee Dameron married Susan Powell. Zechariah Dameron married Frances Thomas. Samuel Dameron (my grandfather) married Elizabeth Thomas. Of that marriage there were born 2 sons and three daughters, namely Martha Frances, Sarah Ann, Elvira Jane. The sons were William Dunmore Dameron, the elder son, Zack Dameron, the younger son was my father, born November the 18, 1828. My father, Zack Dameron, married Belinda Loving January 12, 1860, not 1859, as the genealogy records. My father Zack Dameron was a school teacher and bookkeeper. My father's older brother, William Dunmore Dameron, I think was born the year 1827. He married Lou Welch December 1859. He was a merchant. Of that marriage there was one son, Charles Samuel Dameron born December 19, 1860. Charles' father was called to the Civil War and contracted some kind of disease and died in Richmond, Va. about the year 1862 or '63.

"Martha Frances Dameron, daughter of Samuel Dameron, married James Drumheller. They with their family immigrated to Ohio. I don't know much about them. Of course, the older ones have passed away. Children and maybe grandchildren, too. Sarah Ann Dameron, daughter of Samuel Dameron, married Jacob Farrar. My oldest brother, Thomas Loving Dameron, married Pearl Johnson of Nelson County, Va. He was a depot agent, first at Pence Spring, W. Va., and was transferred from Pence Spring to Alderson, W. Va. where he brought up his family of five girls and one son. John Q. Dameron, son of Zachariah Dameron (son of Dunmore) was married three times. First wife, Sarah Townsend, second wife, Sallie Loving, and third wife, Mahala Noel, who was the mother of Bettie Bonham who lives near Schuyler, Va. My grandfather, Sam Dameron, married Elizabeth Thomas of Fluvanna County, but from the record of the genealogy, the marriage ceremony was performed in Cumberland County. If so, I suppose their three daughters and two sons may have been born in Cumberland County. ... I never knew of a John J. Dameron nor John O. Dameron, as the genealogy mention these names. I have heard my father speak of Page Dameron and Littlepage Dameron. I don't suppose they were contemporary of my father, but may have been grown men, when father was a child. Both Page Dameron and Littlepage Dameron left Nelson County. I don't recall hearing father say where they went from Nelson. I was born and brought up at Rockfish, Nelson Co., Va. My great-grandfather, Dunmore Dameron, may have come of the Albemarle Damerons. If not, I don't know where the home of his early life was. I rather think his father's name was William Dameron. The Damerons of my generation, some have died, and some have gone to different parts of the world. I don't know the younger ones or where they live, only two nephews and some great-nephews. Some live in Newport News. Some in Alderson, W.Va., and some in Pennsylvania. I have several great-great nieces and nephews. My oldest brother, of Alderson, W. Va. has been dead for several years. His son, Frank, is the R.R. ticket agent at Alderson, and Frank's son, Frank, Jr. has signed up with the American Express Company, for three years, and is stationed in Brazil. I am sending you some clippings. I don't know these Damerons. I have a great-great nephew attending V.P.I. I have a great-great niece attending Averett College for Girls, Danville, Va... . I have lived in Charlottesville for several years. I will refer Miss Vera V. Via to you who writes historical articles for the Daily Progress, the Charlottesville daily paper." She then sent on March 3, the following:

"(July) or Julia Dameron, is a granddaughter of Zechariah Dameron and a great-granddaughter of Dunmore Dameron. She married George Callahan who was a contractor when the railroad was being built through here. It is now the Southern R.R. The Callahans made their home in either Salem or Roanoke Co. I used to hear they were very wealthy. I never saw any of them...I wish I knew where Dunmore Dameron finally settled and made his home. I know his sons, Zachariah, Lee, and Samuel, made their homes in Nelson Co... My great-grandfather Dunmore had slaves. My grandfather had no slaves. Wishing you much success in your tremendous task of the Dameron genealogy, most sincerely, (signed) ELLA DAMERON." She wrote a very clear hand.

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, of Northumberland County, Va. 1652, m. Dorothy _____.
II. GEORGE d. 1698 m. Elizabeth Dennis, and inherited the Guarding Point estate.
III. LAZARUS d. 1749 in Albemarle Co., Va. m. Elizabeth Smith.
IV. GEORGE, who lived in Albemarle and Buckingham m. Anne Thany or Thone.
V. MICHAEL, who lived in Buckingham 1784 with George. Albemarle Court Records show him as a witnessaround 1790. He deeded land in Fluvanna 1793-1801, also.
VI. DUNMORE, son of Michael, m. Patsey Cox in Fluvanna. He deeded Amherst land.

1. John, son of Dunmore,moved to Buckingham County, Va. when young.
2. Drury C. Dameron m. Charlot D. Martin 1824, in Nelson Co., Va.
3. Zachariah, d. Jan. 1891, according to Bettie Bonham.
4. Samuel b. 1800, moved to Nelson Co., Va. about 1824. He m. Elizabeth Thomas,and had two sons and three daughters. Marriage Bonds of Cumberland Co., Va. by J.D. Eggleston, p. 46 shows: "Sam'l Damron married Elizabeth Thomas 18 July, 1835, security Henry P. Irving." Their children were as follows, according to Ella Dameron:

(1) Martha Frances m. James Drumheller and moved to Ohio. She m. 1843.
(2) Sarah Ann m. Jacob Farrar in 1846, also in Nelson Co., Va.
(3) Elvira Jane m. John Drumheller, 1847, in Nelson Co., Va.
(4) William Dunmore b. about 1827, m. Lucy S. Welch, 1859, Nelson Co. and died in Richmond in the Civil War. His son Charles Samuel Damron was b. Dec. 19, 1860.
(5) Zechariah b. Nov. 18, 1828, Cumberland Co., Va. Nelson Co., Va. Marriage Register shows: "Zacharias L. and Belinda Loving 1859," but they were married Jan. 12, 1860. His son Thomas Loving m. Pearl Johnson of Nelson Co., Va. and lived at Alderson, W.Va., where he had five girls and one son. His son Frank lives in Alderson and Frank, Jr. is in Brazil. His daughter Ella lives in Charlottesville and Mrs. Willie Dabney lives in Rockfish, Va.(A cousin John had a daughter, Betty Bonham, of Schuyler, Va. who wrote "Our great-grandmother was a Miss Cox from Tennessee. My mother and father died in ten weeks of each other when I was 13 years old and I lived with mother's people afterwards. She was a Noel.") Zechariah's daughter Rosa b. near Rockfish Depot m.Elbert D.

5. Leland Dameron m. Susanna Powell, 1836, Nelson Co., Va.
6. Perhaps Polly Dameron, as Dunmore Dameron was bondsman in Nelson County, Va., when she married Joseph Thomas.

VII. ZACHARIAH DAMRON, above mentioned son of Dunmore Dameron and Patsy Cox, was born about 1803 and died in Jan. 1891. He m. Frances Thomas and had these ch.:

1. Hiram, whose son Elbert lives at 909 Amherst Ave., Altavista, Va. He m. his cousin Rosa Damron, who wrote: "Both our great-great grandfather was Mike Dameron, our great-grandfather was Dunmore."
2. John Q. Dameron m. first Sarah F. Townsend, 1858, Nelson Co., Va., 2nd Sarah E. Loving, 1865, and third Mahala Noel, mother of Betty Bonham. He was eldest.
3. William C. Dameron b. Mar. 4, 1843, d. Jan. 4, 1923, whose son Thomas M. Damron d. 1949, age 76, and had a daughter Loula, who m. Everett Adams, Scottsville, Va. who wrote: "We believe all were born in Nelson Co. He also had brothers named Manoah (called Tump), Nicholas, Hiram, Austin and Lee (might have been Leland). The home of Zachariah Damron was in the vicinity of the south end of what is now Southern Railway bridge across Rockfish River near Rockfish Station in Nelson Co. He was buried in the family plot at that site.(Prior to 1807 Nelson was in Amherst.)"
4. Ezra Damron m. Roxanna Loving in 1863, Nelson County Marriage Register.
5. Nicholas.
6. Austin.
7. Leland.
8. Clifton.
9. Julia A. S. Damron m. George Callahan, 1858, Nelson Co., Va.
10. Manoah, youngest son.

MANOAH T. DAMRON AND LUCY HELEN GAY DAMRON.

I received the following information from Hattie Lee Pleasants, 1314 Chesapeake Street, Charlottesville, Va. May 7, 1954: "Zachariah Damron that married Frances Thomas was my grandfather and she was my grandmother. She died when I was young. My grandfather died Jan. 1891, 85 years old; he was born 1806. My father 'Tump', Manoah, called M. T. Damron, married Lucy Helen Gay,North Garden, Albemarle Co., Va. I was the oldest of nine children . I married William Edward Martin of North Garden in 1893, Nov. 8. My husband died June, 1894. I remarried again Nov. 1897 to Thomas L. Pleasants. Am now a widow. I am seventy-six and had a slight stroke Dec. Am anxious to get all of this history for my grandchildren and thank you so much. Below you will find my brothers and sisters:

"Manoah T. Damron, born July 14, 1851, died Nov. 15, 1918. His wife, Lucy Helen Gay born April 30, 1858, died May 23, 1836. Their children were:

1. Hattie Lee Damron Martin Pleasants, born Nov. 29, 1877.
2. Carrie Elizabeth Damron Drumheller, born March 26, 1881, died May 23, 1917.
3. Lucy Frances Damron Kirby, born Nov. 23,1883.
4. Minnie Ida Damron, born March 6, 1885, died June, 1912. She never married.
5. David Houston Damron, born Oct. 1, 1888, died Oct. 5, 1921, in a car wreck. (His son, Robert L. Damron, lives in Charlottesville, Va. P. O. Box 347. He wrote: "My father was David Houston Damron and he came from Nelson Co. I have discussed with my aunt on my daddy's side the questions in your letter (re William Dameron's family), and nowhere down the line can she recall any Damrons by the names listed."
6. George Aubry Damron, born Nov. 21, 1891, died Feb. 18, 1918, in service.
7. Harry Blain Damron, born Aug. 24, 1895.
8. Katie May Damron Ponton, born May 18, 1898, of Faber, Nelson Co., Va."
9. Willie Edna Damron Norvelle. (No dates given.)

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On April 26, I received a letter from Ella Dameron correcting some dates: "I notice Samuel Dameron, my grandfather and Elizabeth Thomas, my grandmother, are recorded as being married 1835. I am sure that date is far wrong. I can't now get my hands on a family Bible with these records, but I think it possible my grandfather and grandmother were married the year 1822 or 1823. The genealogy records my father, Zecheriah Leland Dameron and my m other, Belinda Loving, as being married 1859. That is not correct. My father and mother were married January 12, 1860." (Note by H.F.S.--the date of the marriage bond is what is given in the records and was usually some time before the marriage actually took place.) Another sister of Ella Dameron is Bertha Cammie Dameron Wells (Mrs. John Andrews Wells), 709 E. High St., Charlottesville, Va.

Following are listed the dates in the Marriage Register of Nelson County, Va. not already noted, of the name Damron:

James T. and Martha S. W. Thurmand 1828
John and Lucy Peyton
Uriah A. and Martha M. Newton, 1858
Lucy T. and Wm. Johnson, 1822, bondsman, Wm. R. Damron
Nancy C. and Isaac Newton, 1839, Leland Damron, bondsman
Wm. and Sarah Ann Harding,1825
Wm. and Hannah M. Griffin, 1831
Abby Ann and Wm. S. Witt 1855
Elizabeth and Abram E. Chandler,1823
Sophia and Thomas Glass, Mar. 12, 1810
Elizabeth and Phillip Thurmond, 1826, Littlepage Damron, bondsman

(Note: The descendants and ancestry of William Dameron are not yet traced. His children were John, who went to Texas, Robert B, of Lynchburg, d. 1919, Monroe, of Scottsville, Va., James d. 1928 BuckinghamCounty, whose sons Joseph and Robert live in Buckingham; Thomas Benton Dameron of Scottsville, Sally and Ellen m. Moon.

DEED BETWEEN DUNMORE DAMERON AND JOHN AND MARY MATTHEWS, 1800
Amherst County, Va., Deed Book I, p. 107, May 12, 1800.

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"This Indenture was made this twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred between JNO. MATTHEWS AND MARY HIS WIFE of the County of Amherst of the one part and DUNMORE DAMERON of the other part, WITNESSETH, that the said John Matthews and Mary his wife for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Dunmore Dameron before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereofis herbby acknowledged and confirmed, hath given granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth freely give grant bargain and sell unto the said Dunmore Dameron, his heirs and assigns forever, a certain Tract or parcel of land situated lying and being in the County of Amherst on the north side of the Anne Laugh Creek containing one hundred acres more or less bounded as followeth, viz.: Beginning at the Mouth of a Branch that niches into the above mentioned Creek just below the place called the Mill Teat and running up the said branch to the head thence with a strait line to William Bowman's line to Martin Dawsons, thence on Martin Dawsons to Walker's line, thence on Walkers line to Dictions thence down Dictions line to the mouth of the above mentioned branch. To have and to hold the same Tract kf land with all and singular appurtenances and priveledges thereunto belonging unto the said Dunmore Dameron, his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use of him the said John Matthews and Mary his wife doth hereby forthemselves and their heirs covenant promise and agree to and with the said Dunmore Dameron his heirs and assigns to warrant and forever defend to him a good and lawful right to the aforesaid bargained and sold land with the appurtenances and priveledges thereunto belonging against the claim of themselves and their heirs and every other person. IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said John Matthews and Mary his wife hath hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day andyear above written.

"Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us.

JOHN MATHEWS (SEAL)
MARY MATHEWS (SEAL)

MABRY CAMPBELL
LEWIS CAMPBELL
WILEY CAMPBELL

"At a Court held for Amherst County the 16th day of June 1800 this Indenture was acknowledged in Court by John Mathews and Mary his wife, parties thereto, the said Mary having been first prively examined as the Law directs and ordered to be Recorded.

Test (No Signature.)"

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THE ESTATE OF DUNMORE DAMERON, AMHERST COUNTY, VA., 1842

Will Book 11, p. 334, Amherst County, Va. Adm. Acc. ESTATE OF DUNMORE DAMERON, in acct. with David Patterson:

1842, July 16.	To medical account due 27th Mar.	$ 23.50
Aug. 22.	Cash paid Jas. Wright for coffin, voucher	8.00
Sept. 19.	Commission on $150 at five per cent	7.50
1843, May 9.	Commission on $36.21 at five per cent.	1.81
" "	Cash paid Ro. Tinsley for motion adminstr's voucher	5.00
" " "	" Clerk's fee, retained to cover charges	1.50
July 27	To Cash paid Thos. Campbell for tuition.	2.25
" " " "	" Clerk's tickets per sheriff's receipt	1.45
" "	Commission	.51

1844. Jan.	to Cash paid board of Dunmore to Mrs. M.E. Damron as per voucher	24.00
	Commissions	1.20
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1842, July 16.	By cash of Robert Tinsley	50.00
Sept. 19	" " " "	100.00
1843 May 9th	" " " "	36.21
" "	Int. on $111.86 from 31 December 1842	2.37
		188.58
	Balance $111.86	

"Being first sworn I have examined the written ac. and find the same supported by vouchers and report it as correct. Given under my hand this 5th day of May, 1845 at a Court held for Amherst County on the 21st day of July 1845 this account of the Estate of Dunsmore Damron deceased with David Patterson the Administrator having been hereunto Returned to Court and ordered to be (searched) for exceptions and no exceptions being filed thereto the same is confirmed and ordered to be Recorded.

Teste. SAM. M. GARLAND, CLK."

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DEED FROM DUNMORE DAMERON TO REUBEN T. MITCHELL, 1804, AMHERST CO., VA.
(Deed Book K, p. 109, Amherst Co., Va.)

"This Indenture made this fourth day of February one thousand eight hundred and four between Reuben T (I?) Mitchell & Mildred his wife of the County of Amherst of the one part and Dunmore Dameron of the same county of the other part. Witnesseth, that the said Reuben T. Mitchell and Mildred his wife for and in consideration of the sum of four pounds ten shillings of current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Dunmore Dameron before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the reaeipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and confirmed hath given granted bargained and sold aliened enfeoffed & confirmed unto the said Dunmore Dameron and to his heirs forever one certain part of his Land being a part of the same tract that the Said Reuben T. Mitchell lives on containing six acres more or less lying and being in the County of Amherst on the Marrowbone Mountain Beginning at a certain white oak, in the said Reuben T. Mitchell & Dunmore Dameron's dividing line on the above mentioned mountain and thence running with a new line made by the said parties in the presence of Thomas Murrell & Am. Martin to a hicory corner and thence with a straight line to a certain dogwood corner, on a branch in the said Reuben T. Mitchell's back line thence with his line to a chestnut corner in a bunch of rocks which comes to the above parties dividing line, and thence on the line back to the beginning on the above mentioned white oak; together with all timber and all appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Dunmore Dameron and his heirs forever and the said Reuben T. Mitchell & Mildred this wife for themselves and their heirs covenant promise and agree to and with the said Dunmore Dameron and his heirs forever to warrant and forever defend to them a good and lawful right and title to the above bargained and sold land with the appurtenances and priveledged thereunto belonging against the claim of themselves and their heirs & all other persons that shall make any demand for the same. In witness whereof the said Reuben T. Mitchell & Mildred his wife hath interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and date above written.

"In presence of us, TEST. REUBEN T. MITCHELL (SEAL)
WM. MARTIN, THOMAS MURRELL, MILDRED MITCHELL (SEAL)
ALEXANDER ROBERTS, JAMES TURNER, JR."

Receipt for four pounds ten shillings was dated 4th Feb. 1804, and "At a Court held at Amherst County the 6th day of July 1804 this deed was proven by the oaths of Wm. Martin Alexander Roberts and James Turner, Jr...and ordered to be recorded."

THE ANCESTRY AND DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES DAMERON OF AMHERST CO., VA.

The ancestry of this branch of the Dameron family is as follows:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in 1652 in Northumberland Co., Va.

II. GEORGE, d. 1689, of Northumberland, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis.

III. LAZARUS, d. 1749,in Albemarle County, Va. m. Elizabeth Smith. His children were: Winifred m. John Thomas; Judith m. Noble Ladd and had a daughter Anne who m. Capt. John Damron b. 1757; John d. 1757; Richard, d.s.p., Moses, who inherited the estate of Lazarus, and George. The following items were recently found by Alimae Aiken:

Albemarle County, Va. Law Order Book No. 1, p. 130, Mar. 27, 1746."Ordered the road fromthe Court House to Shephards foard be carried around the Ridge that John Lewis be Overseer of the same in the room of Lazarus Dameron & that he have the same Hands." Page 122, June 12, 1746: "Joshua Fry, Gent., Surveyor of this County presents a list of his Surveys by him from June 1, MDCIXLV to June 1 MDVXLVI which is ordered to be recorded. Lazarus Damrel 212 acres." Oct. 10, 1746, p. 196: "Lazarus Damron, foreman of jury in case of Dennis Doyle against John Burns--Trespassand Assault."

Page 194, Oct. 9, 1746: "John Coles & Company against Richard Dameron: IN DEBT. "The Parties appear by their attorneys and the Defendant by Wm. Battersby his attorney prays and hath leave to impart till next Court and then to plead and in the meantime to have oyer etc. and the same day ____ is given the Parties aforesaid here."

IV. GEORGE, son of above Lazarus, had land both in Buckingham and Albemarle Counties, Va. His children were: George, a Revolutionary soldier who m. Susannah Thomas and moved to Green Co., Ky.; Michael; perhaps Daniel; Dunmore m. Lucy Thomas, perhaps others.

According to Mary Dillard Dameron Dise of 1109 Church Street, Lynchburg, Va., who compiled the genealogy of this branch of the descendants of Charles Dameron, Michael Dameron was "born in Albemarle Co. near Scottsville; residence, Albemarle at the home. Names of children: Monroe b. July 1819, d. Sept. 30, 1877, William, Page, Dunmore, Lucy, Judith. James Monroe mentioned above married Lucy J. Carr 1848; his children were John H. b. 1849, m. Emma Roy Dameron 1875; Sallie M. b. 1851, married Malachi Dameron in 1891, Rev. J.W. Parrish 1906, Emma F. Dameron b. Feb. 1854, d. 1883, Jane b. 1856 m. T.E. Williams 1874, J. Michael b. 1858, Lucy J. b. 1860, Mary P. b. 1812 m. Rufus P. Kyle, 1890."

William Dameron appears to have married Hannah Monroe and had the following children: John, who went to Texas; Robert B., of Lynchburg, Va.; Monroe, who had a farm near Scottsville, Va.; James d. 1928 in Buckingham Co., m. Clemey Baber, and had sons Joseph and Robert who live in Buckingham Co., address Scottsville, Va., Thomas Benton Dameron m. Eveline Sergeant, d. 1873, lived in Scottsville on the old farm (his son Wilbur Thomas Dameron m. Ada Robinson, and had a son Gordon.) Other children were Lindsey C., George J., Sally and Ellen m. ___Moon.

V. DUNMORE DAMERON, who lived in Albemarle County, Va. His wife was Lucy Thomas born in Fluvanna County, Va. According to Mary Dameron Dise in her "Family History of Charles Dameron and Wife Mary E. Dameron," the following are his descendants:

"George and John Dameron settled in Albemarle County near Charlottesville, Va. on Hardware River before the Revolutionary War." This memorandum was taken from a letter of Mrs. Frances H. Keach, Wichita, Kansas.

"Memo: The grandmother was born near Lynchburg in 1807 and was the daughter of John Dameron. One sister Jane married Goodrich and moved to Ohio. The grandmother's name was Lucinda Thomas Dameron. This lady's father's name was Samuel H. Bell." (All of the above is written in the top right corner of the cover to Book 1.)

The brothers of Charles Dameron, son of Dunmore, were:

1. Charles Dameron, born 1780 in Albemarle County, Va., resided at Amherst County, Va., occupation, farmer, married in 1820 in Amherst Co., d. June 11, 1838.

2. "John, brother of Charles Dameron, res. Alleghany County on Dunlap Creek." The book "A Centennial History of Alleghany County,"by Oren F. Morton, lists the residents of 1840, from the list by Lee Persinger, Commissioner of the Revenue, p. 140: Damron--Andrew, Christopher, Isaac P., Joseph, William. Chapter XIX. Legislators and County Officers from Alleghany: Delegates, Joseph Dameron, 1833-34; Andrew Dameron, 1850-51. Until 1830 Alleghany was entitled to two delegates, the same as all other counties. From 1830 to 1853, it was a delegate district by itself. Bath was then added but was taken off in 1865. In 1869 Craig was joined to Alleghany. In 1879 Bath and Highland were substituted for Craig but since 1904 Alleghany and Craig again comprise one district. County Officers: Justices 1820-1852--Dameron, Joseph, 1827; Dameron, Andrew, 1838. Surveyors: Joseph Damron 1822-1824; Andrew Damron 1833-1850. "Soldiers of 1861 and Earlier Wars, Company G 22-D, Regiment. "Rocky Point Grays," Alleghany County: Damron, Henry C., enlisted Mar. 1862, Lewisburg, died of disease; Damron, Stannard, discharged 1863; Damron, William; Damron, Samuel A. "Soldiers of 1861 and Earlier Wars, names in Matheny-Evans List: Damron, Henry; Damron, Samuel." No Damrons listed for World War. (Summers lists H.C. Dameron, Methodist minister, 1881, Washington Co.)

"The Families of Alleghany County," p. 129 lists: "The Damerons have been a prominent family of Dunlap Creek. John died 1828. His wife was Polly and his children were Elizabeth, Joseph, John, William, Andrew and Christopher. Elizabeth married Thomas Smith. Joseph was a lawyer. Joseph and Andrew Dameron, delegates from Alleghany, were of an old family in the east of Virginia. (P. 198.) Summers' Annals of Southwest Virginia, p. 507, Early Marriages of Botetourt Co. 1769-1800, lists, 1796, John Damron--Molly Hardy."

3."James, brother of Charles Dameron, res. Kentucky."

4. "Joseph, brother of Charles Dameron, res. Bedford, Va.

5. "Page, brother of Charles Dameron, res. Pike Co., Mo. in about 1830."

6. "Henry, brother of Charles Dameron, res. Upshur Co., W. Va. Two sisters accompanied him. One married Carter in Upshur Co., the other Polly married Henderson in Upshur Co. in 1855. Henry went to Nebraska. One sister married Glass near Lynchburg, Va.

7. She also lists as brothers of Charles,Dunmore Dameron, father of Drewry C., who moved to Mo. about 1844, which must be a mistake; and also Michael. She notes that Dunmore lived near Rockfish, Nelson Co. and that Drewry C. had "oldest sons, grown at the time, Dunmore, Robt., and John, oldest daughter, Susan."

VI. CHARLES DAMERON, son of Dunmore Dameron, and Lucy Thomas, was born 1780 In Albemarle County, Va., resided in Amherst Co., Va., where he was a farmer. He married 1820 in Amherst Co. or 1819, Mary MacGann. He died Junell, 1838, killed by a stroke of lightning. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. The father of Mary E. MacGann (also spelled Magan and Magann and McGann), Joseph P. MacGann, came from Scotland and settled in Amherst Co., Va. Her brothers and sisters were: Joseph Magann, Moses H. Magann b. July 21, 1802, res. Amherst, d. Mar. 16, 1866; Pleasants Magann m. Miss Mitchell, children Mary, James, Powetan, Margaret; John Magann m. Annie Murry, children, Lizzie, Samuel, John, Paulus, George, Dave.

1. GEORGE HENRY DAMERON, son of above Charles, b. June 16, 1822, res. Amherst County, Va., at Amherst near Abert, County Sheriff and Treasurer, and farmer. He m. Frances Ann Scott Nov. 24, 1852, d. July 22,1884, of heart trouble. Children:

(1) Emma Roy b. Aug. 25, 1854, m. Jno. H. Dameron, 1875; d. May 10, 1931, heart trouble.
(2) Chas. W. Dameron b. Oct. 26, 1856, m. Gertrude Dameron 1890.
(3) Anna M. Dameron b. May 5, 1858, d. 1873.
(4) Geo. Dameron b. Aug. 30, 1860, d. Oct. 18, 1860.
(5) Fannie Scott b. Aug. 23, 1861, m. B. N. Upham Oct. 17, 1879, of Boston.
(6) George H. Dameron b. Aug. 30, 1864, died Jan. 20, 1890
(7) Belle F. Dameron b. Feb. 15, 1867, d. Oct. 1869.
(8) Robert D. Dameron b. July 1, 1869, m. Lizzie White, Apr. 20, 1898.
(9) Irene Belle Dameron b. July 12, 18*** m. Jno. E. Elder, ch. Frances and John.

2. LUCY THOMAS DAMERON, b. 1821, Amherst Co., Va. res. Amherst Co., Va. m. George C. Huckstep, d. 1852. Husband died Nov. 25, 1845. Children:

(1) Frances A. b. _____ d. 1876, m. Andrew M. Kyle Aug. 1866. Children: Frances A. m. Taylor Halt; and Thomas Dillard, moved West.
(2) Virginia E. b. 1847, d. Feb. 5, 1898, m. Moses B. Kyle, 1870, m. by Rev. Dewitt. Children: Inez, died, res. Amherst; Lucy George m. Hicks; Moses Wister died; Victor, died; Vera; Roy P., Nelmes, Ruth.
(3)Joseph D. b. 1823, d. Mr. 27,1842, age 19.
(4) Mary Jane b. 1824, m. ____ Novell, d July 1852, leaving two children, boys who with their father went west.

3. ZACHERIAH DAMERON b. Feb. 22, 1826, d. Mar. 26, 1892, born in Bedford Co., res. Peddlar Mills, Amherst Co., Va., farmer. He m. Margaret Rucker on Dec. 13, 1847, in Bedford Co., Va. Children: (He was twin of Malachi, both fought in Civil War.)

(1) Chas. J. Dameron b. Jan. 18, 1853, m. Kate White, Dec. 19, 1877,2nd marriage Elsie Kent, 1904. Children: Robert m. Kate Kent; 2. Frank b. 1884; 3. Alpha b. Sept. 15, 1890. He lived in Amherst.
(2) Samuel M. Dameron b. Jan. 29, 1855, m. Mrs. Drucie Dickerson Dorman 1886.
(3) Thomas J. Dameron b. Feb. 1, 1859, m. 1st Minnie Hill Jan. 18, 1882, children: Louise P. and Lewis; 2nd marriage Tom Dameron m. Miss Julian. Res.Kansas.
(4) Robert L. b. Jan. 20, 1863, m. Maggie Eubank Sept. 18, 1889, children: 1. John L.; 2. Margaret; 3. Chas.; 4. Robt.; 5. Rebecca; 6. Lizzie; 7. Zack; 8.Baby.
(5) Ernest F. Dameron b. June 21, 1866, m. Minnie Hodge June 18, 1899, child: Winnie Davis. Res. Oklahoma or Kansas.
(6) Florence H. Dameron b. Aug. 24, 1868, m.Richard Hughes May 6, 1885. Ch: 1. Maggie Lucy; 2. Ernest T.; 3. Ralph A.; 4. Aubrey.
(7) Herbert D. Dameron b. Nov. 14, 1870, m. Emma Wortham Feb. 28, 1895, 2nd, Berta Beauford. Myrtle K., child by Emma, and 2nd marriage children were Herbert and Berta Beauford--Hubert and Herbert (twins.) Res. Kansas.
(8) Z. Clifton Dameron b. Dec. 1, 1873, m. Annie Hill Oct. 1895. Ch: 1.Wallace; 2. Gladys; 3. Jacob; 4. Lucile; 5. Emma; 6. Zack. Res. Pandale, Texas, 1954.
(9) Gertrude M. b. May 28, 1876, m. Chas. W. Dameron Sept. 15, 1893, adopted one child named George Henry. Res. Amherst Co.

*Note: Samuel M. lived in Texas and Robert L. in Kansas.

4. MALACHI DAMERON, son of Dunmore Dameron and Lucy Thomas, b. Feb. 22, 1826, d. Oct. 2, 1905, in Bedford Co. Res. Amherst Co. near Peddlar Depot, farmer. He m. Ann Rucker and 2nd Sally Dameron, Sept. 28, 1892, by Dr. Felix, in Lynchburg, Va. The children of Malachi and Ann Dameron were:

(1) Kate Dameron m. Gustavus A. Burford.
(2) Texas m. Benjamin Hughes.
(3) Emma m. Henry Lewis.
(4) Lucy MacDaniel.
(5) Zacheriah m. Annie Hill.
(6) Willie Page m. Will Oglesby.

5. WILLIAM R. DAMERON b. 1827, Amherst Co., Res. Amherst Co. He d. Mar 8, 1842, age 15 years.

6. ELIZABETH P. DAMERON, b. July 18, 1832, d. Dec. 8, 1858, in Amherst Co., Va. Res. Amherst Co., Va. She m. Henry A. White Nov. 25, 1847. Children:

(1) Geo. F. White b. Dec. 9, 1848, d. July 30, 1855.
(2) Ella C. b. Jan. 30, 1851, d. Jan. 5, 1861.
(3) Ida S. b. Mar. 25, 1853, d. Dec. 5, 1860.
(4) Catherine M., b. Dec. 6, 1855, d. _____, m. Chas. J. Dameron Dec. 19, 1877.
(5) Willie Mac b. Sept. 6, 1857, d. May 7, 1891, m. Charles Coffey. Children: Lottie J. b. Dec. 21, 1881; Ashby D. b. Feb. 25, 1883; Inez b. Apr. 13, 1885; Hettie b. Feb. 4, 1888; Beulah b. Oct. 25, 1889.

Henry A. White married second Liza Ann McGann, and the children of Ann McGann White were: George, Lucy, Dibrell, Henry Ann, Illa Susan, Lizzie, Willie Mac (?)

7. CHARLES DIBRELL DAMERON b. Mar. 19, 1834, m. Mildred Joyner.

8. SALLIE DAMERON, b. Amherst Co., Va. Res. Boonesboro, Bedford Co., Va. m. Joshua Oglesby. Children: Albert, Will, Dibrell, Samuel, Ottie Bird, Roberta, Thomas.

(1) Albert MacDaniel Oglesby m. Florence Ogden.
(2) William Henry m. Willie P. Dameron.
(3) Dibrell H. m. Carrie Beauford.
(4) Samuel m. _____ Blanks.
(5) Ottie Bird, died.
(6) Robert m. Jos. Hughes.
(7) Thomas m. Emma Rucker.

9. SUSAN PAGE DAMERON, b. Feb. 9, 1839, d. Aug. 16, 1865, at Amherst Co. m. Andrew Kyle in 1859. Children:

(1) Charles, downed at three years old.
(2) Rufus, lives in Salt Lake City.
(3) Sallie m. Webb and moved West.
(4) Susan, died at three years old.

VIII. EMMA ROY AND JOHN H. DAMERON

VI. GEORGE HENRY DAMERON, son of Charles, b. 1822, had a daughter Emma Roy Dameron b. Aug. 25, 1854, who m. John H. Dameron, 1875, and died of heart trouble May 10, 1931. Their children were:

1. Ossie B. b. May 1, 1877.
2. Anna S. b. Dec. 21, 1879, m. Jos. Owen.
3. Irma N. b. 1881, d. 1883.
(4) William C. b. Aug. 28, 1884.
(5) George H. b. Nov. 17, 1886.
(6) Irma N. b. June 29, 1886, d. Jan. 27, 1895.

VIII. FANNIE SCOTT DAMERON AND BEN N. UPHAM

VIII. FANNIE SCOTT DAMERON m. Ben N. Upham and had the following children:

1. Marian S. b. 1883, d. 1892.
2. Grace D. b. Oct. 9, 1884.
3. James b. Apr. 4, 1884.
4. Daniel b. Jan. 23, 1895.
5. Howard b. Mar. 1899.

VIII. ROBERT D. AND LIZZIE DAMERON.

VIII. ROBERT D. DAMERON b. July 1, 1869, m.*Lizzie White, Apr. 20, 1898, and had a child:

1. Elinor Roy Dameron b. Apr. 10, 1899. *(Note by Alimae Aiken: I met this lady and her daughter in Lynchburg. Mrs. Dise says that she belongs to both branches.)

VII. CHARLES DIBRELL DAMERON AND MILDRED JOYNER.

VII. CHARLES DIBRELL DAMERON, son of Charles Dameron and Mary E. MacGann, was b. Mar. 19, 1834, in Amherst County, Va., where he resided at Amherst C. H. He was a farmer, merchant, deputy-sheriff, and a member of the Methodist Church. He died Apr. 9, 1915. His wife was Mildred Joyner, whom he married Feb. 23, 1869, at Amherst C. H., Va. ceremony by John K. Harris. Mildred Joyner was b. Apr. 8, 1845, Amherst County, Va., and d. May 27, 1916. She was the youngest child of Oney Dillard Tyler Huckstep and Peter Garland Joyner. Her mother first married Col. Richard Huckstep in 1815.

Peter Garland Joyner was b. June 3, 1799, Campbell Co., Va. and moved to N.C. He married Mrs. Oney Huckstep in 1841. He had lived near Wentworth, N.C. until that time, but after his marriage took charge of his wife's farm and added to it. His wife Oney Dillard Tyler, 1800-1864, m. Col. Wm. Huckstep at the age of 15, then in 1841, married her first cousin Peter G. Joyner. She was related to the family of President Tyler but not of his branch.

The father of Peter Garland Joyner was Peter Joyner, a soldier in the Revolution. Mildred Dillard was Mrs. Dise's great-grandmother.

Elizabeth Dillard, daughter of Wm. Dillard, married John Tyler. The father of John Tyler was Charles Tyler, a soldier in the Revolution--Chas. Tyler of Westmoreland County. Mother--Susannah Monroe.

The children of Charles Dibrell Dameron and Mildred Joyner were the following:

1. Mary Dillard b. Dec. 15, 1869, Amherst Co., Va. m. Geo. Tannehill of Charleston, S.C., May 7, 1918; m. Joseph Dise Oct. 5, 1921, of Glen Rock, Pa.

2. Ralph Teese b. Sept. 4, 1871, a student of telegraphy, drowned while at school in Kansas.

3. Anna Shepard Dameron b. Mar. 9, 1873, teacher and housewife, m. Wadell A. White Feb. 25, 1902, in Lynchburg, Va.

4. Charles Peter b. Apr. 14, 1875, Amherst; telegraph operator and farmer, m. Lula Corder.

5. Grace Dameron b. Jan. 24, 1877, d. Jan. 19, 1918.

6. Marvin Early (Tom Stone) Dameron, b. Aug. 24, 1878, carpenter, m. Cecil Birden and lived in Stockdale, Texas. Ch. of Bryan, Texas: Mary Angeline, Marvel Florence, and T.S. Dameron, Jr.

7. Robert Payne Dameron, son of Charles Dibrell and Mildred Joyner Dameron, was b. July 27, 1880, d. Sept. 26, 1932. He was a broker and business promoter of Minneapolis, Minn. and m. Margaret P. McClusky in 1907. Robert Payne Dameron II was in the U.S. Navy.

8. Homer B. Dameron b. June 1, 1882, d. Nov. ____. He was a farmer and m. Belva Adams, 1920. Children: Mary Grace who married; Homer B., Robert of Kentucky

9. George Lewis Dameron b. 1884, d. June 21, 1923, was a contractor and builder in Washington, D.C. and was killed in an auto accident.

10. Joyner Tyler Dameron b. Oct. 1, 1886, electrician of Lynchburg, Va. m. Phoebe Dawson, June 30, 1933. Children: Joyner T. Dameron, Jr., and Camilla Sue.

VIII. ANNA DAMERON AND WADELL A. WHITE.

VIII. ANNA SHEPARD DAMERON b. Mar. 9, 1873, m. Wadell A. White in Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 25, 1902, and had the following children:

1. Katherine Dameron White, teacher.
2. Wm. Davis White, merchant.
3. Dibrell Tyler White, merchant.
4. Dorothy W. Stoddard.
5. Rebecca W. Garnoc.
6. Mary W. Guillot.

VIII. CHARLES PETER WHITE AND LULA CORDER.

VIII. CHARLES PETER WHITE, b. Apr. 14, 1875, m. Lula Corder. Children:

1. Charles Julian, Detroit.
2. Robert Samuel, Lynchburg.
3. Paul Edward, Detroit.
4. Geo. Preston, Detroit.
5. Clyde Thomas, Georgia.
6. Lula Mildred, Georgia.
7. Ethel Virginia.
8. Lee Jackson, Detroit.
9. Woodrow Wilson.
10. Mary Edith, d. one month of age.

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The above data was compiled many years ago by Mary Dise at the request of Robert B. Dameron of Lynchburg, Va., son of William and Hannah M. Dameron, and brother of James W. Dameron of Buckingham Co., Va. In his will written in 1913 he said: "I desire that Mary Dameron, daughter of Charles Dameron of Amherst, Va. is to have $100.00 in consideration of collecting such data as I have and others as relates to Dameron family and to record same in a neat book of reference to be preserved by her. I desire that neat tombstones be placed over the graves of my mother Hannah M. Dameron and two brothers, Lindsey C. Dameron and George J. Dameron with their names and dates of deaths inscribed thereon as records show in my trunk, also an enclosure such as my executor shall select. This grave yard is situated in the old John E. Eubank farm near Porter's Precinct in Albemarle Co. and is owned by Mr. Williams who has kindly given permission to improve about graves."

Mrs. Dise wrote to Alimae Aiken March 22, 1954: "Will Dameron's address is W.R. C. Dameron, 613 Victoria Avenue, Lynchburg. He had four daughters. I think all of them may have taught at some time in the public schools, and maybe one of them studied at Madison College, I don't know. Will graduated at Roanoke College. There was a book of family history called Our Kin, which contained much Dameron information. The Gilliams were connected with our family. My Uncle George Dameron took care of their estate. I taught in Tenn. Female College. My six brothers younger than myself are gone with heart failures... Cousin Bob Dameron helped me to write the family history and gave me the $100.00 to compile the book. Irma Dameron of the Albemarle branch comes to see me, a lovely young woman."

JANE DAMERON AND PHOEBE DAMERON

That there must have been additional daughters of Charles Dameron, not shown in the records of Mrs. Dise is indicated by the fact that Phoebe E. Dameron and Jane Dameron were left orphans at his death.

Will Book 11, p. 210, Amherst Co., Va. has the Guardian Bond for Phoebe Dameron:

"Know all men by these presents we Ralph C. Shelton, Richd Rucker & John D. L. Rucker are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Sum of Two Thousand and Five hundred dollars, lawful money of Virginia, to be paid to the said Commonwealth for the payment whereof, well and truly be made, we bind ourselves and each of us over and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, Sealed with our seals, and dated this 19th day of February, 1844, and in the 68th year of the Commonwealth. The cohdition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Ralph C. Shelton, guardian of Phoebe E. Damron, Chas. D. Damron, Sarah F. Damron & Susan P. Damron, orphans of Charles Damron, deceased, shall faithfully execute his office as required by law, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

RALPH C. SHELTON (SEAL)
RICHD. F. RUCKER (SEAL)
JNO. D.F. RUCKER (SEAL)

"At a Court held for Amherst County on the 19th day of February, 1844, this bond was acknowledged in open Court by the parties thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste. SAM. M. GARLAND, Clerk."

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Will Book 11, p. 217, Amherst Co., Va. has Jane Damron's Guardian Bond.

"Know all men by these presents that we Mary E. Damron & John Magann are held firmly bound unto the commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of Six Hundred dollars lawful money of Virginia to be paid to the said Commonwealth for the payment whereof well and truly to be made, we find ourselves, and each of us over and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated this 19th day of February, 1844, and in the 68th year of the Commonwealth. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Mary E. Damron, guardian of Jane Damron, orphan of Charles Damron, deceased, shall faithfully execute the office as Guardian of the said Jane Damron as required by law, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

MARY E. (Her Mark) DAMRON (SEAL)
JOHN D. MAGANN (SEAL)

"At a Court held for Amherst County on the 19th day of February, 1844, this bond was acknowledged in open court by the parties thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Test. SAM M. GARLAND, Clk."

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In Will Book 24, p. 268, Amherst Co., is the Will of R. B. Dameron, Mrs. Dise's cousin Robert.

Will Book 11, p. 68, Amherst Co., has an administrator's bond for Robert Dameron's estate, 18 July, 1842, admr. David Patterson and Robert Conom (?). Alimae Aiken says there is another Administrator's bond, Will Book 11, p. 69, Amherst Co., Va. for Dunmore Dameron exactly like the one on p. 6 , same book.

CHARLES DAMRON--ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND, 1838
(Will Book 10, p. 45, Amherst Co., Va.)

"Polly Damron, John McGann, George Feagans and Willis M. Reynold are held and firmly bound unto Edmund Penn, Richard Hamon, William M. Waller, and Henry Davis, Gentlemen Justices of the Court of AMHERST COUNTY, now sitting, and to their successors in office in the sum of eight thousand dollars current money of Virginia to which payment will & truly to be made we being ourselves . . .etc. . . the 17th day of September, 1838. The condition of this obligation is that if the said Polly Damron administrix of the above chattels and credit of Charles Damron deceased do make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular goods . . . etc.

POLLY (HER MARK) DAMRON
JOHN McGANN
GEORGE FEAGANS
WILLIS M. REYNOLD

"At a Court held for Amherst County 17th day of September, 1838,

SAMUEL M. GARLAND, CLK."

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CHARLES DAMRON--ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND, 1841
(Will Book 10, p. 310, Amherst Co., Va.)

"Know all men by these Presents That we George Huckstep, Drury C. Damron, James M. Daniel, Jr. are held and firmly bound unto David S. Garland, Zach D. Tinsley, William M. Waller & Henry L. Davis, Gentlemen Justices of the Court of Amherst County now sitting and to their successors in office for the sum of seven hundred dollars current money of Virginia to which payment will and truly be made, we bind ourselves and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated the 15th day of February, one thusand eight hundred and forty one and in the 65th year of the Commonwealth. The condition of this obligation is that if the said George Huckstep, administrator de bonis non of the godds, chattels and credits, excepting the slaves of Charles Damron deceased do make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular goods, chattels and credits of said deceased which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the said George Huckstep or to the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him and the same as made to exhibit unto the County Court of Amherst whereas he shall be thereunto held by the said Court and such goods chattels and credits do well and truly administer according to law and further do make a just and true account of his actings and doings therein when thereto required by the said Court and all the rest of the said goods, chattels and credits which shall be found remaining upon the account of the said administrator.

GEORGE C. HUCKSTEP.
DRURY C. DAMRON
JAMES M. DANIEL

"At a Court held for Amherst County the 15th day of February, 1841.
Teste. SAML. M. GARLAND, CLK."

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Will Book 10, p. 339, Amherst Co., Va. has the Inventory of Charles Damron. Memorandum of the perishable property belonging to the Estate of Charles Damron decd., appraised by Edward Tinsley, Wm. I. Shelton, Thomas R. Berry on the 20th day of February, 1841. Total $371.25. (Signed) WM. I. SHELTON, THOS. R. BERRY, EDWIN TINSLEY.

"At Court held for Amherst County on the 15th day of March, 1841, this appointment of the Estate of Charles Dameron deceased was proved in open court & ordered to be recorded. Teste. SAM. M. GARLAND, CLK."

ESTATE OF CHARLES DAMERON, AMHERST CO., VA.
(Will Book 12, p. 159, Amherst Co.,Va.)

"A list of property sold this 3rd day of March, belonging to the estate of Charles Damron, deceased, on a credit of six months by Geo. C. Huckstep, adm.

Total $303.01, Teste. SAML. M. GARLAND.

"At a Court held for Amherst County the 19th day of Mar. 1849, this account of sales of the estate of Charles Dameron decd. was returned to Court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste. SAML. M. GARLAND, CLK."

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ADMINISTRATOR'S ACCOUNT. ESTATE OF CHARLES DAMERON, DECD. TO GEO. C. HUCKSTEP, ADM., (Will Book 12, p. 189, Amherst Co.)

"1841. To cash paid Jas. M. Daniel for auct. $2.50
To cash paid Clerk's fee recording inven. etc. 2.34
" " " Charles Dameron's taxes for 1838
etc.

"To this amount paid Mary E. Damron it being her dower right in perishable property. $92.03. Total $303.01

"Pursuaht to the annexed order of the County Court of Amherst the undersigned commissioners therein named having been first suly sworn for the purpose have proceeded to examine & settle the account of George C. Huckstep, admr. of Chas. Damron decd. and find it to be and stand as herein before stated, exhibiting a balance due from said admr. to said estate of $84.06 which sum is to bear interest from the 3rd day of Sept. 1843 until paid. Given under our hands this 10th day of Mar. 1849.

GEORGE POWELL
EDWARD TINSLEY
JNO. D. L. RUCKER

"Amherst County Court, February Term, 1849, on the motion of Lucy T. Huckstep, Administratrix of Geo. C. Huckstep decd. the Court doth appoint David Patterson, John Rucker, George Powell, Edwin S. Rucker, Edwin Tinsley or any three of them to state and settle and adjust the account of George C. Huckstep, administrator of Chas. Dameron deceased and make a report to Court. A Copy Teste. SAML. M. GARLAND,CK.

"Amherst County, to-wit, this day Jno. D.S. Rucker, GeorgePowell, & Edward Tinsley, three of the commissioners named in the within order appeared before me and being duly sworn according to law to execute it given under my hand & seal the 10th day of March, 1849.

D. PATTERSON (SEAL).

"At court held for Amherst County on the 20th day of August, 1849, this account having been heretofore returned to Court and ordered to lie for exceptions and none being filed thereto the same was confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste. SAML. M. GARLAND, CLK.

"The same being first examined and allowed by the Justices of the said court for the time being shall deliver and pay unto such persons respectively as are entitled to the same by law and if it shall hereafter appear that any last will and testament was made by the deceased and the same be proved in court and the executor obtain a certificate of the probate thereof and the said George Huckstep do in such case being required to deliver up his letters of administration then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force." (This was on a separate piece of paper--A.A.)

ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND FOR ESTATE OF MARY E. (MACGANN) DAMERON, 1863
(Will Book 16, p. 356, Amherst County, Va.)

"Know all men by these presents that we, MALACHI DAMRON & GEO. H. DAMRON, are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of two thousand dollars lawful money of Virginia truly to be made, We bind ourselves and each of us over and each of our heirs executors and admrs. jointly & Severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated this 20th day of July, 1863, & 88th year of the Commonwealth. The condition of the above obligation is that the above bound Malachi Damron, Admr. of Mary E. Damron, decd. shall faithfully discharge the duties of his office as admr. aforesaid .then this obligation to be void or else to remain in full force & virtue.

M. DAMERON (SEAL)
GEO. H. DAMERON (SEAL)

"At a Court held for Amherst County on the 20th day of July, 1863, this bond was acknowledged in open court by the parties thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste. SAM M. GARLAND, Clk."

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ADMINISTRATOR'S ACCOUNT OF M. E. DAMRON. M. DAMRON, ADMINISTRATOR OF MARY E. DAMRON ESTATE, Sept. 26th, 1863, Book 17, p. 112, Amherst Co., Va.

By amt. paid John D. Magann	$ 4.57	By amt. paid Chas D. Damron, his legacy	$190.60
" " " Taylor Berry, Attorney fee	10.00	" " L. Damron, legacy	190.60
" " " Geo. H. Damron Acc.	288.10	" " H.A. White, guardian for his children	190.60
" " " Chas. D. Damron to bal. Acc.	120.90	" " J.B. Oglesby, his wife's legacy	190.60
" " " Geo. H. Damron, his legacy	190.60	" " A. M. Kyle, his wife's	190.60
" " " Geo. H. Damron as guardian for Fannie & Jennie Huckstep	190.60	" " Damr. Legacy	190.60
		Amt. retained by Adm^{r}. as gua^{r}. for Wm. Norvell's legacy	190.60
		Total amt. paid out	$ 2,377,88

Sept. 26, 1863.

"We the undersigned legatees accept the foregoing administrator's acc. of M. Damron as a final settlement and release him from any further liability and desire the same to be placed upon record having received our distribution shares of the money.

"GEO. H. DAMRON, in my own right.
GEO. H. DAMRON, guardian for F.A. & J.E. Huckstep.
J. E. HUCKSTEP
JOSHUA B. OGLESBY
ANDREW M. KYLE

CHARLES D. DAMRON
HENRY A. WHITE, guardian for Catharine and Sally Margaret White
M. DAMRON, in my own right and as guardian for Wm. Norvell

"Sept. 26, 1863.

"To amount received for property sold this day	$1,124.50
"Amt. received of Geo. H. Damron for bonds,rents, calf, hog, etc.	398.97
Amt. received for side of leather	47.12
" " Howard Martin's bonus (bond?)	95.00
" " A. M. Kyle	193.25
Total	$ 2,377.84

"At a Court held for the County of Amherst on the 16th day of July, 1866, this account of settlement of the estate of Mary E. Damron decd. was this day returned to court and ordered to be recorded. Test. GEO. DANIEL, JR. C."

INVENTORY OF MARY E. DAMERON, AMHERST COUNTY, VA.
(Will Book 17, p. 108, Amherst Co., Va.)

"The following is a list of the property belonging to the estate of Mary E. Damron & appraised by us on the 26th day of Sept. 1865, pursuant to the annexed order of County Court of Amherst County. One Grub hoe, One Hilling hoe, etc." total $512.50. Signed S. R. WORTHAM, A. COX, JAMES S. PERSON.

"At Court held for County of Amherst on the 16th day of July, 1866, this inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Mary E. Damron decd. was this day returned to Court & ordered to be recorded. Teste. GEORGE DANIEL, JR., CLK.

M. E. DAMRON--LIST SALES--WILL BOOK 17, p. 109.

"The following is a list of personal property sold by M. Damron, adm. of Mary E. Damron decd. on the 26th day of September, 1863, at public auction for cash.

2 pr. and irons, Geo. H. Damron	$3.75
1 big pot & hooks, Wm. W. Martin	4.00
1 dinner pot, Ann Kyle	4.25
1 chain & hammer, Geo. H. Damron	2.00
1 Hilling hoe, Edward Fletcher	3.25
1 Matock, Geo. H. Damron	5.00
1 shovel & tongs, Edward Fletcher	1.25
1 axe, Edward Fletcher	2.50
1 baker, A. M. Kyle	1.00
1 baker, M. Damron.	1.00
1 sifter & water bucket, Geo. H. Damron	8.00
1 waiter and biscuit cutter, Geo. H. Damron	1.50
1 wash bowl, sugar & teapot, Geo. H. Damron "	5.50
1 Coffee pot & tea pot "	19.50
2 sugar bowls "	20.00
1 butter knife "	5.00
1 coffee mill "	1.00
2 pitchers & 9 plates "	25.25
9 plates "	33.00
1 Lornig (?) "	2.00
1 torlitt, M. N. Damron	$ 2.25
2 curtains, M. N. Damron	17.00
2 white curtains, Geo. H. Damron	20.00
4 pillow cases, M. Damron	2.25
1 calico counterpain, Geo. H. D.	6.00
1 comfort, M. Damron	17.00
1 comfort, Geo. H. Damron	12.00
6 chairs, M. Damron	30.00
1 clock, M. Damron	20.00
1 cutting knife, Geo. H. Damron	3.50
1 waiter, Geo. H. Damron	8.00
Total.	$ 1,124.50

"At a court held for the County of Amherst on the 16th day of July, 1866, this list of sales of the estate of Mary E. Damron decd. was this day returned to Court and ordered to be recorded. Teste.
GEO. DANIEL, JR. C."

(Note by A.A. This was a long list and only the items were copied relating to Damerons.)

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WILL OF CHARLES J. DAMERON, OF BEDFORD COUNTY, VA. 1912
(Will Book 24, p. 147, Amherst County, Va.)

"Will of Charles J. Dameron of Big Island, Bedford County, Virginia, being of sound mind but bad health I do hereby make this my last will & testament . . . all just debts be paid...2nd, all my estate, real & personal owned by me in the county of Amherst, Va. I bequeath to my wife, Lucy J. Dameron, Margaret L. Dameron and James E. Dameron, each to have share and share alike. Given under my hand, 10th August, 1912. C. J. DAMERON."

"In Clerk's office of Circuit Court of Amherst County on the 21st day of Sept. 1912, proved and recorded," etc.

ZACHARIAH DAMRON--GUARDIANSHIP BOND, 1842

(Will Book 11, p. 9, Amherst Co.,Va.)

"Know all men by these presents that we Ralph C. Shelton and Edwin Shelton are held and firmly bound unto William M. Waller, Jonas Pierce, Zach Drummond and Isaac R. Reynolds, Gentlemen Justices of the Court of Amherst County now sitting in the sum of one thousand dollars lawful money of Virginia to be paid to the said Justices and their successors in office for the payment thereof well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and each of us over and each of our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated the 17th day of January, 1842, and in the 66th year of the Commonwealth. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Ralph C. Shelton, guardian of ZACHARIAH DAMRON, ORPHAN OF CHARLES DAMRON, deceased shall faithfully execute his office as guardian of the said Zachariah Damron as required by law then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

RALPH C. SHELTON (SEAL)
EDWIN S. SHELTON (SEAL)

"At a Court held for Amherst County on the 17th day of January, 1842, this bond was acknowledged in open Court by the parties & ordered to be recorded.

Teste. SAM M. GARLAND, CK."

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WILL OF ANN H. DAMERON, WIFE OF MALACHI DAMERON, AMHERST COUNTY, VA., 1891

(Will Book 23, p. 168,Amherst Co., Va.)

"In the name of God, Amen, being of sound mind I make this my last will and testament, revoking all others. 1st, I will and bequeath to my children, namely Catherine S. Burford, Texas A. Hughes, Mary E. Lewis, Lucy McDameron, Willie P. Oglesby and my son Zach E. Dameron,all of my property to have and to hold in fee simple which property is to be equally divided between them each one herein named. Should my husband Malachi Dameron be the longest liver he is to have a support from said property his life time if he requires it. But the property cannot be used for any of his debts now due or any debt he may hereafter contract. Given under my hand this 26th day of January, 1891.

ANN H. (HER MARK) DAMERON
C. J. DAMERON

Test. J. T. RUCKER
C. J. DAMERON

"At a court held for the County of Amherst on the 15th day of February, 1892, on the motion of Catherine S. Burford, Texas A. Hughes, Mary E. Lewis, Lucy M. Dameron, Willie Oglesby and Zack E. Dameron, the last will and testament of Ann H. Dameron dec'd was produced in court and proved by the oaths of J.T. Rucker and C. J. Dameron, the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Test. CH. L. ELLIS, CLERK."

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GEORGE H. DAMERON--CONSTABLE'S BOND, 1858, AMHERST CO., VA.

(Will Book 14, p. 574, Amherst Co., Va.)

"Know all men by these presents that we George H. Damron and M. Dameron and S.R. Wortham are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of two thousand dollars to be paid to the Commonwealth aforesaid for the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and each . . . etc. . . . on the 21st day of June, 1858.

GEO. H. DAMRON (SEAL)
M. DAMRON (SEAL)
SAML. R. WORTHAM (SEAL)"

Recorded 21 June, 1858, Teste. Saml. M. Garland, Clk.

THE WILL OF ZACHARIAH DAMERON, AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1891

"I, being in sound mind on the 10th day of April, 1891, and being in advanced years and knowing the uncertainty of life, have concluded to make my will as I believe it to be the duty of mankind to provide for his family the best he can and above all his beloved wife, in case of being the first to die. MY WILL IS AS FOLLOWS:

"If I shall die before my beloved wife, I wish her to have the full use of all property that I may own at the time of my death of every name and nature just as long as she lives single; but if she should ever concluded to marry again she must then give up all property of every name and nature except that the state laws of Virginia allows in such cases, and she must care for my two boys until they are twenty-one years of age, and for Gertrude, my youngest daughter, until she is married. Now as to the division of my property among my children after carrying out to the letter, the foregoing part of this will to my beloved wife, in every sence, I want a perfect equal division to cents worth, by first paying to my last children as much as the first has had and which is charged to them on a Memorandum Book that my beloved wife I hope if she should find herself able to do so and all my children that I hold bonds or accounts against that are not charged or mentioned just as they read on the foregoing mentioned Memorandum Book must pay them over to their mother with the interest on them from their dates, which is justice to all, and if they fail to pay them and interest they must loose whatever it be in amount in a final division. Given under my hand and seal this 10th April 1891.

Test. RICHARD A. HUGHES. A. DAMERON (SEAL)
Test. JOS. E. JENNINGS.
Test. R. NEWMAN ELLIS.

"VIRGINIA: AT A COUNTY COURT begun & held for the County of Amherst on the 16th day of April, 1894: A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Z. Dameron, decd., was this day produced in Court and proved by the oath of Jas. E. Jennings, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the presence at the execution of said will of Richard A. Hughes, one of the other subscribing witnesses thereto, and the said James E. Jennings further deposed and says: that he is well acquainted with the testator's hand writing and thereby believes the said writing, and the name thereto subscribed, to be wholly written by the testator's own hand, whereupon the said writing is ordered to be recorded as the true last will and testament of the said Z. Dameron, decd. and thereupon Margaret W. Dameron, widow of said decedent, was permitted to qualify as administrator with his will annexed, and, having made oath thereto together with H.D. Dameron & C. W. Dameron, her securities, who justified as to their sufficiencys entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of ($500) Five Hundred Dollars, conditioned according to law, which is ordered to be recorded. Certificate is granted the said Margaret M. Dameron forobtaining letters of administration of the estate of said decedent, with his will annexed in due form.

Will Book 23, p. 406. Teste. WM. SANDIDGE, CLERK."

(Note: The above Zachariah Dameron and Malachi were twins--fought in the Civil War. They were the sons of Charles Dameron and Mary E. MacGann. Zachariah married Margaret Rucker 1847 in Bedford Co., Va. andhad nine children. Charles Dameron was the son of Dunmore Dameron and Lucy Thomas. He was born 1780 in Albemarle County, Va. and resided in Amherst Co. Dunmore was the descendant of Lazarus Dameron and Elizabeth Smith who came to Albemarle before 1746, where Lazarus died in 1749. Lazarus was the son of George Dameron of Northumberland County, Va. who inherited the Guarding Point estate on Chesapeake Bay from his father Lawrence Dameron who came to Northumberland County before 1652.)

AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MARRIAGES

DATE	HUSBAND	WIFE	PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF WIFE	WITNESS
1787, Mar. 23.	William Dammeron	Susanna Lee (widow);	Joshua Shelton, John Taliaferro, George Lee, Joseph Dawson	
1803, Dec. 21.	John Henderson	Sally Damron;	Michel Damron;	George Marshall (or) John Dameron, S. Garland, Lucy Dameron
1804, Nov. 5.	James T. Damron	Levina Baily.		William Bailey, S. Garland
1819, Dec. 4.	Geo. Damron (in bond, but Chas. is name at end of bond	Polly Magan		McGhan, Jos. (at top of bond); Magann, Jos. (at end " ".)
1805, Feb. 2.	David Henderson	Lucy Damron;	Michael Damron;	William Matthews, James B. Edwards, Dunmore Damron, Jas. Burrus
1813, Aug. 16.	William Knight	Susanna D. Damron;	Lucy Damron;	Elias Wills; A.B. Davis, John Damron
1813, Feb. 15.	John Damron	Phoebe Goodrich;	Edmd. Goodrich (consent of);	Elias Wills, Thomas Goodrich, A.B. Davies, Gideon C. Goodrich
1817, Feb. 4.	David Glass	Patsy Damron;	Lucy Damron;	Elias Wills, John C. White
1840, Nov.13.	George C. Huckstep	Lucy T. Damron;	Mary E. Damron;	Hugh Snead.
1847, Nov. 15.	H.A. White	E. P. Damron.		
1849, Jan. 15.	Thos. S. Norvell	Mary J. Damron		
Jan. 16, 1849,	Norvell S. Thomas	Mary E. Dameron,	Security	John D. Beard, Jene Keeley
1847, Nov. 15.	Henry A. White	Elizabeth P. Damron		Ralph C. Shelton.
1852, Oct. 15.	George H. Damron	Frances A. Scott,	minister,	T.F. Martin.
1856, Feb. 2.	Jas. D. Damron	Mary Thomas		
1869, Feb. 16.	Charles D. Dameron	Millie Joiner.		
1877, Dec. 15.	Chas. T. Dameron	Mary C. White.		
1889, Sept. 16.	Robert L. Dameron	Maggie N. Eubank.		
1895, Feb. 20.	Herbert D. Dameron	Emma P. Wortham.		
1895, Oct. 19.	Zachari C. Dameron	Annie Bell Hill.		
1896, Apr. 10.	Robert D. Dameron	Lizzie T. White.		
1902, Feb. 3.	Edward Lee Dameron	Mary Leigh Harvey.		
1903, Aug. 6.	Chas. Josiah Dameron	Lucy Jackson Kent.		
1904, Dec. 3.	Robert Lee Dameron	Kate Bell Kent.		
1927, Feb. 22.	George L. Dameron	Virdie Massie Mays.		

No date. Dameron (or Desmon), Wiatt--Polly Goodrich, parent or guardian of husband, John. Parent or guardian of wife ____, Sec. & Witness. Wm. Crawford.

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WILL OF MILDRED DAMERON, AMHERST COUNTY, VA. 1916
(Will Book 24, p. 209, Amherst County, Va.)

The children named are Mary Dameron, Anna D. White, Chas. P. Dameron, T.S. Dameron, R. P. Dameron, H.B. Dameron, Geo. L. Dameron, Joyner T. Dameron, Grace Dameron. Executors: George L. and Mary Dameron. (Signed) MILDRED DAMERON.

Witnesses: Francis C. Addison, Seldon Harrison.

"At court in Amherst County, June 15th, 1916. Teste. W. E. SANDIDGE, CLK."

OLD BIBLE RECORDS OF ZACHARIAH DAMRON

"This Bible is owned by George Marshall Damron, 230 Church Street, Front Royal, Va. The two oldest pages are missing. His father was Elbert Dunmore Damron of Alta Vista, Va. His mother is not Rosa Damron, who has been married several times. His grandfather was Hiram Claiborne Damron, in Stuart's Cavalry in the Civil War, died at 88, in Shawsville, Va. in 1928. Zachariah was his great-grandfather." A.A.

Dunmore Damron was
Married July 27, 1797

His Daughter Betsy
Married February 3, 1823

Samuel Damron
Married August ? 1823

Drury Damron
Married April 8 1824

Negro Silvey--9 day
April 1815

Peter born 16 April 1830

hannah born Decm. 5 1831

Silveys child born
14 August 1832

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Dunmore Damron was
bourn January 24 1773
and was Married July
27 1797

patsey Damron bourn
February 4 1779

Leland Damron
Married on Feb 1834 ?
(or 1836)

John Damron
Married August 1837

My Daughter Polley
Decm. 24 1836

[2]G.B. Damron Colony of Va.
1751
Black Hawk Indian War
Colonel

Negro polly born
June 10th 1824

Jula bourn July 12
1826

[1]Dolye--Silveys child
bourn 5th September 1834

Selvis child Sary born
July 24 1836

Silvas Child Monah
Born Feby 16 1838

Rose Child Alybro
Born June 18 1838

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1804
Robert M Martin was
born March the 1st
1804

[3]Hattie Damron
November 29 1807

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Betsey O Damron born on
Sunday June 2 1799

Samuel Damron bourn
December 29 1800

Drury C Damron bourn
August 1 -----1802

Harvey Damron bourn
March 3 1804

Zachariah Damron bourn
November 13--- 1805

Leeland Damron bourn
on Sunday 14 of June 1807

John Damron bourn
June 18 ---1808

Polley Damron bourn
January 29---1811

Patsey Damron bourn
July 30 ---1814

Salley Damron
Bourn Nov. 13 1816

Negro Morris bourn June 2 1802

Dunmore Damron
Borne March 15 1822

Samuels Daughter Sary Ann
Damron Bourn Decem.20 1804

Martha Frances bourn
Oct 5 1825

William Dunmore Damron was
bourn feb. 16 1827

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(Notes by A.A. 1. May be "Dilybe. 2.This seems to be written at a later date and in a different hand from the rest. 3. This is scribbled in very dim pencil line. The date is not clear. It is either 1807 or 1887. 4. The name "John" and "John Damron" appear in the Bible as written in script.

New page

Salley Damron Dyed
April 24 1824 in the 8 year

Betsey O Chandler Dyed
March 4 in the 28th
year of her age 1827

Dunmore Damron my
youngest son Dyed
on Sunday the 6 day
of July in the 7th year
of his age 1828

Dunmore Damron Senior
Dyed on Fryday the 25th
of January 1839

Martha Damron Junier
Departed this Life February
the 16th 1839 in the 25 year
of her age on Saturdy

Martha Damron Senier
Departed this Life May
the 16th 1839 on thursday

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ZACH DAMRONS BIBLE

(Note by A.A. The above is written on a blank page at the beginning of the New Testament. It is evident that this Bible belonged to Zachariah Damron at one time and to John Damron at another. On blank page near the beginning of the Gospel of St. Luke are the following names written in pencil:

"Carrie D	Zach D
Edna D	Tump D
Fannie D	Lucie D"
Minnie D	

The title at the top of the page is too dim to read, however, the name Zecheriah is readable.

On a page which appears to be the first in the Bible is written in ink--JOHN DAMRONS OLD TESTAMENT. The page reads 'Old Testament translated out of the original Hebrew together with the Apocrypha--published in Philadelphia in 1815.' This book is very stained and dilapidated. It is almost 4 inches thick and is 10 1/2 x 8 3/4 inches. The first two pages containing the earliest Damron records according to Mr. Marshall Damron's statement have been lost. He said that it belonged to his grandfather Hiram C. Damron and that he did not know who owned it before his grandfather but it was known as 'Zachariah's Bible.") A.M. Aiken.

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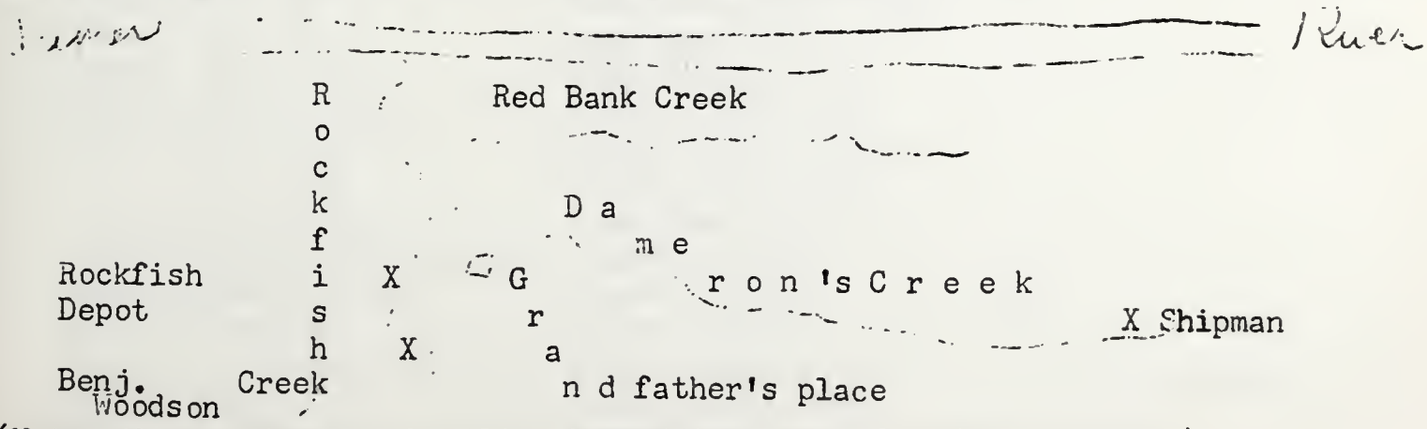
George Marshall Damron:

"As a boy I listened for hours to Grand-dad tell about the Civil War and the early Damrons and this section of Nelson Co. In the old Damron Cemetery at Rockfish there is the grave of Lazarus Damron died in 1749 and also of Lawrence Damron (he said Lawrence one time and John another) died at 19 years. Damron's creek was at the foot of Grandfather's place. I was reared in Nelson County near Rockfish Depot. I believe Damron's creek is called Dutch creek today. Ie starts at Shipman and runs into Rockfish River at Loving's place. Red Bank creek is at Fabers. Some call it Hickory Creek. Grand-dad said the first Damron had 2300 acres all on the north side of the James."He mentioned a John Damron who went to Illinois and took his family with him. He did not say who the father of John was.



(Note: Above notes are by Alice Mary Aiken, who also drew the map.)

LIST OF SURVEYS MADE BY JOSHUA FRY, 1744-1745

Albemarle County, Virginia, Law Order Book I, the first year of the county:

"June 27, 1745. Joshua Fry Gent. Surveyor of this County presented a List of the Surveys made by him from the first of Jan. 1744 to June the XX[10] 1745. Ordered to be Recorded. A true and perfect list of all the Surveys made by me in the County of Albemarle and Parish of St. Ann.

ACRES

Edmond Wood 350
George Holms 103
" " 347
James Goss 400
William Rickley 283
Arthur McDaniel 400 (Twice)
William Allen Gent 100
" " 400
Thomas Patterson 370
" " 400
William Perkins 387
" " 400
William Noland 400
John Goodwin 350
Joseph Thomas 200
Edward Thomas 200
James Gates 400
Samuel Moon 100
John Hubbard 400
Thomas Harvey 400
Thomas Potter 400
William Hunt Allen 394
Henry Hamelton 400
Samuel Bailey 100
Patrick Obrian 400
" " 400
John Blackburn 395
Thomas Jones 243
" " 340
Samuel Glover 375
" " Junr 400
James McNeal 376
Samuel Stephens 200
John Glover 400
" Childers 300
Sacheverel Whitebread 400

JOSHUA FRY, SUR.

"Joshua Fry Gent. Surveyor of this County presents a list of his Surveys by him made from June 1st MDCCXLV to June 1st MDCCXLVI. (1745-1746.)

Samuel Scott 400 ACRES
Thomas Sanders 396
Alexander Stinson 385
William Edwards 395
James Ford 400
Thomas Jarrald 400
Anthony Benoin 636
Samuel Stephens 225
William Flowers 215
Thomas Jones 236
Joel Walker 340
John Bostick 380,400
Edmond Gray 400
John Cook 400
Jire Harris 315
Edmond Gray 340
Charles Lee 248
Stephan Sanders 400
Peter Brooks 400
" " 545
Obediah Woodson 285
John Gannaway 300,118,400
Thomas Anderson 400
Peter Salle 400
Zacheverel Whitbread 400
James Freeland 200
John Childers 215
George Holms Gwinn 400
Meredith Manning 400
Gideon Marr 2320
William Allen 288
Adrian Angle 165
James Watkins 400
Mary Patterson 200,400
John Goodwick 400
Robert " 325
Moses Ray 400
Joseph Childers 200
LAZARUS DAMRIL 212
John Cook 400
Tyre Harris 400
Robert Thompson 1140
John Worley Junr.386
John Ward 300
John Galloway 200
Thomas Jones 200
Patrick Obrian 394,400
Thomas Turpin 222
John Snoddy 196
John Young 100
Edmond Gray 390
Robert King 245
Arthur Hopkins 1088
Daniel Scott 380
George Dudley 100
John Rowland 100
Joshua Fry 290
John Smith 400
William Creasy 400,400
Thomas Lowell (?) 98
George Pain 382
John Foard 204

JOSHUA FRY, SURV.

(P. 122, Order Book I.)

ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA--CRADLE OF JEFFERSONIAN DEMOCRACY

There is a book by James Truslow Adams, The Living Jefferson, 1936, which analyzes the origin of Jeffersonian democracy on the theory that it was the product of Jefferson's knowledge of the independent farmers of Albemarle County, Virginia, where he lived, hence they were the foundation of this theory in America. In any case Albemarle has more character than any other county in the United States, with the exception of the "Northern Neck", the home of Presidents in Virginia, where the Damerons also originated. Adams said that Jefferson "was, and still is, the greatest and most influential American exponent of both Liberalism and Americanism." His theory is that he learned this in Albemarle from the families and farmers of what was then a frontier. "It was precisely those qualities and possibilities in our life, which I have summed up elsewhere as the 'American Dream,' and which have made America unique, that Jefferson recognized and tried to foster...

"It may also be noted that even in his native Virginia Jefferson antagonized many of the most important interests and families by what was considered his undermining of an established social order. His struggle to break down entail and primogeniture, to free religion from the fetters of a State church, and his well-known opposition to slavery, have not even yet been forgiven by many Virginians."

Adams says that Prof. Channing wrote that why Hooker left Massachusetts is "one of the unsolved problems of New England history," but that he believes that since then there have been "the two rival doctrines--the one that the people could and should rule, the other that they were incapable of it and must be ruled...As always in our past until the close of the frontier, those who held to the first doctrine HAD GONE WEST, and that doctrine was to build up in frontier after frontier, across 3,000 miles and for nearly three centuries, what we have always considered as one of the chief elements in Americanism."

"It was in one of the finest parts of the frontier...that Thomas Jefferson was born on April 2, 1743 (Old Style). His father, Peter Jefferson, a surveyor, had patented a thousand acres of land in what was at the time called Goochland, on the extreme western fringe of white settlement adjoining the wilderness. It is said that there were only three or four white families living there when the Jefferson family settled in 1737...in 1745 Albemarle became a separate county, Peter Jefferson's lands lying in the portion so set off... he had been a magistrate and sheriff of Goochland County... The Jeffersons, probably originally emigrants from Wales, ...were one of the oldest, although not socially great, families in Virginia... The elder Jefferson had been a friend of the Randolphs...and his marriage in 1739 to Jane Randolph ensured to the children...high social position." Thomas was born at Shadwell, a 400-acre tract where Thomas was born in 1743. Tuckahoe, the Randolph home estate on the James River above Richmond, was inherited by Thomas Mann Randolph, brother of Jefferson's wife and he became administrator for the boy, so Peter moved to Tuckahoe to manage the estate for seven years. Jefferson studied with Rev. William Douglass in Shadwell. His father died when he was fourteen. "A plantation which the father had owned on the James River went to the younger son, but Thomas inherited Shadwell, the slaves of the estate there, and about 2750 acres of land. He later studied under Rev. James Maury, a Huguenot.

In 1757 Albemarle had about 7 or 8 thousand population, Adams says, and it was "as good a spot as any in the world, in which to gain a high opinion of the ordinary man. Those who had moved westward to the slopes of the Blue Ridge had been to a great extent of the best stock in Virginia and not without a sprinkling of its bluest blood. There were both freedom and simplicity in the life, and a district in which in less than a hundred miles from one another such boys as Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, James Madison, and John Marshall were growing up simultaneously was

evidently no ordinary 'frontier' or new country. By an odd chance, Marshall's father, like Jefferson's, was of Welsh descent and had also married into the remarkable Randolph clan. The men and women of this western Virginia country, establishing themselves on small or large farms, were quite capable of looking after themselves and the affairs of government, and...it is well to bear in mind the sort of society in which (Jefferson's most impressionable yearswere spent... Those who have lived on the successive fringes of our civilization have naturally been more insistent upon human rights than upon those claimed for property or privilege, and more willing to risk change for the sake of betterment than those remaining in the older settlements."

Jefferson went to William and Mary at Williamsburg where he became a Mason. At that time it had about 200 houses, while Boston and New York had about 15,000 inhabitants and Philadelphia 20,000.

Jefferson had the same theory that the Cromwellians had: "Going back to the Saxons he pointed out that when they had conquered in England each man had obtained his own land by his own strength and had held it in fee simple without the over-landlordship of the Crown, which was not asserted until after the Norman Conquest. He claimed that the colonists had gone to the wilds of America as had the Saxons to the former wilds of Britain...they should own the land they had conquered without overlordship."

Lord Dunmore was governor of Virginia in 1774 and had great difficulty with the new Revolution which was brewing, so he seized the powder in the Williamsburg magazine in 1775. Jefferson began to argue in his Summay View, "Can any reason be assigned why 160,000 electors in the island of Great Britain should give law to four millions in the states of America, every individual of whomis equal to every individual of them, in virtue, in understanding, and in bodily strength?" He based his philosophy on the theory of "natural rights." "He deliverately excluded property from being a natural right because it could be maintained only by the help of society, and it was therefore, according to him, a civil right only. He did so not because he was a communist or even a parlor socialist, but because he believed the logic of his theory demanded it." So he left the right of property out of the Declaration of Independence, for it was not a natural right like "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," though many wanted it put in as itwas in the Virginia declaration, and the First Continental Congress.

Francis Eppes was Jefferson's brother-in-law. He married Martha Skelton, daughter of John Wayles, a lawyer, and widow of Skelton who left her a property.

Jefferson had entail and primogeniture abolished in 1777, so estates were inherited not by the eldest son but by all children equally. He also had ideas of public education which Prof. Chinard says were printed in his Notes on Virginia in French 1786 and were "the origin and source of the modern French educational system."

During the Revolution 4,000 of Burgoyne's men were prisoner's of war encamped near Charlottesville, some German, who were received by Jefferson and others.

"The army, in reality, was as yet the only 'nation.' The men in the army had to think nationally if for no other reason than that the army was dependent on the one national legislative body, the Congress." This was also true of Cromwell's army in the Civil War in England 1642-1660.

Adams said: "no other man in all our history has so contributed to the forming of the American spirit as Jefferson did by his life-long devotion to the principles of freedom, equality of opportunity and of Liberalism." p.127.

THE JEFFERSON FAMILY OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

"Peter Jefferson, the father of the President, was a native of Chesterfield and removed to the present limits of Albemarle in 1737. He entered the wilderness literally, as when he first came there were but three or four persons living in the neighborhood. His first entry was that of a thousand acres on the south side of the Rivanna, between Monticello Mountain and the Henderson land above Milton. Wishing a more eligible site for his house, he bought from his friend William Randolph of Tuckahoe the Shadwell tract of four hundred acres, where his distinguished son was born. He had been a magistrate and Sheriff in Goochland, and when Albemarle was formed, was one of its original magistrates, and its Lieutenant Colonel. He also represented the county in the House of Burgesses. He was employed with Colonel Joshua Fry to run the boundary line between Virginia and North Carolina, and to make the first map of Virginia ever drafted. When William Randolph died in 1747, leaving a son of tender age, he committed him to Mr. Jefferson's care, and more efficiently to discharge this trust Mr. Jefferson removed to Tuckahoe, where he resided seven years. This circumstance explains the difficulty in Mr. Waddell's mind, when in his Annals of Augusta County, he wondered how Thomas Lewis and his friends, who had gone to Mr. Jefferson's to make a map of the survey of the Northern Neck line, could ride from his house to Richmond to hear preaching on Sunday. He returned to Albemarle in 1755, and died in1757. His wife was Jane, daughter of Isham Randolph, of Dungeness, and his children, Jane, who died unmarried, Thomas, Randolph, Mary, the wife of Thomas Bolling, Martha, the wife of Dabney Carr, Lucy, the wife of Charles Lilburn Lewis, and Ann, the wife of Hastings Marks.

"Thomas was born in 1743, married in 1771 Martha, daughter of John Wayles, of Charles City, and widow of Bathurst Skelton, and died July 4, 1826. He had two daughters, Martha, the wife of Governor Thomas Mann Randolph, and Mary, the wife of John W. Eppes. He was one of the largest landholders in the county, being assessed in 1820 with four thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine acres. Soon after attaining his majority, he was appointed a magistrate of the county, and at the first session of the County Court after his decease, the following memorial was entered upon the records:

"As a testimonial of respect for the memory of Thomas Jefferson, who devoted a long life to the service of his country, the principles of liberty, and the happiness of mankind; who aided conspicuously in the cause of the American Revolution; who drafted the Declaration of the principles, on which the Independence of theseStates was declared; who uniformly exerted his great talents to aid both the civil and religious liberties of his countrymen, and by whose practical administration of the principles he had promulgated in many stations, legislative, diplomatic and executive, in which he had acted as a public functionary, the equal rights of his countrymen were promoted, and secured at home and abroad; who uniting to a native benevolence a cultivated philanthropy, was peculiarly endeared to his countrymen and neighbors, who were witnesses of his virtue: Resolved therefore that this testimonial be recorded as a perpetual memorial of respect and affection of his countrymen, and of the Court of Albemarle, of which he was once a member..."

Randolph Jefferson in 1781 married Ann, daughter of Charles Lewis, Jr. of Buck Island. He had his residence in Fluvanna County. He had two sons, Thomas and Isham R. Thomas was twice married, first to his cousin, Mary R., daughter of Charles Lilburn Lewis, and secondly, in 1858, to Mrs. Elizabeth Barker, daughter of Henry Siegfried. His children were Peter Field and Robert L. Peter Field lived in Scottsville, and by his shrewdness and frugality amassed a large fortune. He died in 1861, leaving a son bearing his own name, and a daughter, the wife of Peter Foland. Peter Field Jr., died in 1867. Robert L. married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Moorman, lived near Porter's Precinct, and died in 1858. His children were Eldridge, who lived in the same section of the county till after the war, and Mary, the wife of Albert W. Gantt.... A Thomas Jefferson, who in the first days of the county was one of its deputy surveyors, was no doubt a brother of Peter, the President's father." From Wood's History of Albemarle.

February 14, 1746-7, Book 1, p. 225:"John Coles & Company against Richard Dameron, IN DEBT. And the said Defendant comes by William Battersby by his Attorney and Defends the force and Injury whereby and prays Judgment of the Plaintiff. WRIT. WRIT AND DECLARATION aforesaid because he saith that there is Variance between them, the Writ containing Twenty Pounds Damages and the Declaration blank pounds Damages also there is Variance between the said Writing called Obligatory and the said Declaration the said Writing being to pay John Coles and Company only; and this he is ready to verify wherefore the said Defendant prays Judgment that the said Writ and Declaration may be Quashed & the etc.

"The Plaintiff by James Meredith his attorney moves the Court for leave to amend his Declaration which is allow'd him on paying costs, etc."

"March 12, 1746-7, Book 1, p. 233: "John Coles & Company against Richard Dameron, IN DEBT. And the Aforesaid Richard Dameron comes in his proper person and Defends the Force and Injury whereby and says that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of the aforesaid John Coles & Company but that he ows to the said John Coles & Company Four Pounds Seven Shillings and Eight pence half penny in manner and form as the aforesaid John Coles and Company complains against him. Therefore, it is considered the said John Coles and Company recover against the aforesaid Richard Dameron their Debt aforesaid Together with Fifteen Shillings (or one Hundred and fifty Pounds of Tobacco) for a lawyers fee and ninty-nine Pounds of neet Tobacco for their Damages which they both sustained as well by reason of Detaining that Debt as for their Costs and Charges and Changes by them about their Inst. in this Behalf, and the said Richard Dameron in mercy, etc."

"April 9th,1747 (Book 1, p. 268.) "Ordered Lazarus Dameron with his three sons Thomas Tindall Benjamin Tindall John Clark Charles Bond & his Tithables Richard Hall John Hall with Thomas McDaniel and his hands do clear the Road from the Court House to Shepards Ford. Lazarus Dameron Overseer."

March 14, 1746-7, Book 1, p. 260: Mathew Branch, Assignee of Charles Thomas, against George Holms Gwinn, IN DEBT. Judgment "for Thirty Pounds Together with Fifteen shillings (or One Hundred and fifty Pounds of Tobacco) for a lawyer's fee and eighty-five pounds of neet Tobacco for his Costs."

March 14, 1746-7, Book 1, p. 260: "Mathew Branch, Assee. of Charles Thomas, against John Fenly, IN DEBT." Judgment for plf. "for Twenty Pounds Together with fifteen Shillings (or One Hundred and fifty Pounds of Tobacco, for lawyer's fees and One Hundred and fifty Pounds of neet Tobacco as well for his Debt as for his Costs by him in this behalf Expended. Ordered that the Sheriff sell the goods attached in Order to Discharge the said Debt and report the same to next Court. Goods attached sold for Four pence.

July 9, 1747. John Ripley against Hugh Moor. IN CASE. And now come the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and thereupon come allso a Jury to wit John Witt David Patterson Samuel Arnold LAZARUS DAMERON Wm Witt Edward Thomas Andrew McWilliams Wm. Perkins John Bryant Henry Trent Charles Bond and James Christian who being elected tryed and Sworn the truth to speak upon the issue do say upon their Oath that the aforesaid Hugh Moor is not thereof Guilty in Manner and form as the aforesaid John Ripley hath alledged. DAVID PATTERSON FOREMAN."

December 10, 1747."The Last Will & Testament of Michael Thomas was presented in Court by the Oaths of two of the Witnesses thereto Edward Thomas heir at Law is Ordered to be Sum^{d}."

December 11, 1747, Book 1, p. 339. Andrew Barclay against John Thomas: SURE FANAS.

May 13, 1748, p. 366. Ordered the Church Wardens of Saint ANNS Parish do Bind out English McCoy to Lazarus Dameron to Learn the trade of Shoemaking.

LIST OF LAND PATENTS TAKEN IN ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Albemarle was formed 1744 from Goochland where the Ladds were early settlers. The Damerons, John, Lazarus and George, all had surveys made in 1746, for patents in the new county of Albemarle near James River, and the grants were made in 1748. Lazarus and Richard died in 1749, so they must have met with some tragedy of the frontier. The following list of patentees was taken from Charles Wilder Watt's book on Early Albemarle, an unbound dissertation in the University of Virginia Library.

1722 Edward Ripping
Richard Hickman
Ralph Gough, Fluvanna River
1723 James Skelton
1726 " "
1727 George Haomes
Nicholas Meriweather
1729 George Nichols, No. side of Fluvanna River
1730 Allen Howard, No. side Fluvanna River
1730 Thomas Carr
Charles Henderson
Frances Epes
John Carter
1733 Thomas Carr
1733 " Dansie
Charles Lynch
John Carmon N. side, Fluvanna River
Henry Ward
Charlie Hudson on Hardware River
Robert Adams
1735 John Key
Robert Davis
Thomas Jones
Daniel Besaux
William Craddack
Nicholas Meriweather, Jr.
Thomas Moreman.
James Holman.
1734 John Crawford
Nicholas Meriweather
Benj. Wheeler
Joel Terrell
David Lewis
John Crawford
Henry Wood
John Key
Charles Lynch So. of Fluvanna River
Edward Hickman
Jonathan Clark
Thomas Groves
Joseph Smith

1731 Charles Lewis
" Hudson
Thomas Carr
Christopher Clark
1732 Robert Adams
Thomas Goolsby
Robert Adams
Henry Runalds
John Key
Arthur Hopkins
Edward Scott
Timothy Dalton
Roger Thompson
1735 John Henry
" Waller
" Minor
Joseph Foster
Allen Howard
John Carter
Benjamin Wheeler
Charles Jordan
1745 John Grills
Dani
John Heard
Nathaniel Winston
John Scott
Michael Thomas, Jr.
Richard Stockson
Thomas Williams
Robert Jones
James Coleman
John Ennis
Joseph Martin
" Phillips
John Anthony
Thomas Stockton
James Lee
William Coursey
Joseph Phillips
Samuel Dalton
" Garlick
William Bickman
John Eubank
Christopher Harris
Thomas Oglesby
" Fitzwatrick
William Lee
Joshua Fry, on lower Epes Creek

1745 Joseph Martin
Benj. Wheeler, South side Hardware River
1746 Arthur Donally
Walter Leek, Jr.
Richard Bennett
Joseph Fitzpatrick
Peter Houstone
James Wood
William Rice
Matthew Whittel
Ambrose J. Smith
William Harris
Hugh Dobbins
William Shaw
Mildred Meriweather
Joseph Anthony
Walter Leek
William Little
Mathew Jordan
John Rogers, Jr.
Alexander Patton
1747 John Carr
William Lewis, Jr.
William Keatora
James Henderson
David Kinkead
William Stith
Thomas Lankford
Gilbert Gibson
Thomas Evans
Nathaniel Winston
Benjamin Brown
John Mullins
Martin Dawson
John Whatley
" Heard
" Harris
Nathan Wood
Daniel Rees
Henry Karr
Jamuel Jemmerson
Joseph Fitzpatrick
Thomas "
John Dickey
Robert Macknoely
Hugh R. Morris
" " Morris

LIST OF LAND PATENTS TAKEN IN ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

1747 John Rogers
Arthur Hopkins
David Mills
James Ireland
Mathew Jordan
James Ireland
Leonard Ballou
Charles Lynch
Anthony Parmley

1748 John & Eliz. Siddesdale
John Davis
Daniel Scott
Samuel Davis
Daniel Maupin
Edward Lonely
Joseph Childres
George Rogers
Giles Allegree
Michael Thomas

1749 William Phelps
Joseph Phillips
James Wood
Phillip Moody

1750 John Moore, on
Totier Creek
John Mayfield
Matthew Jordan
Ralph Jopling
Morris Burger
James Taylor
Benjamin Brown, Jr.
John Harris
Thomas Walker
John Farrar
Robert Harris
Thomas Jopling
William Woods
David Willis

1750 Giles Allegree
William Carrell
Henry Roberts
Charles Farqusen
James Coleman
Joshua Fry
Leonard Phillips

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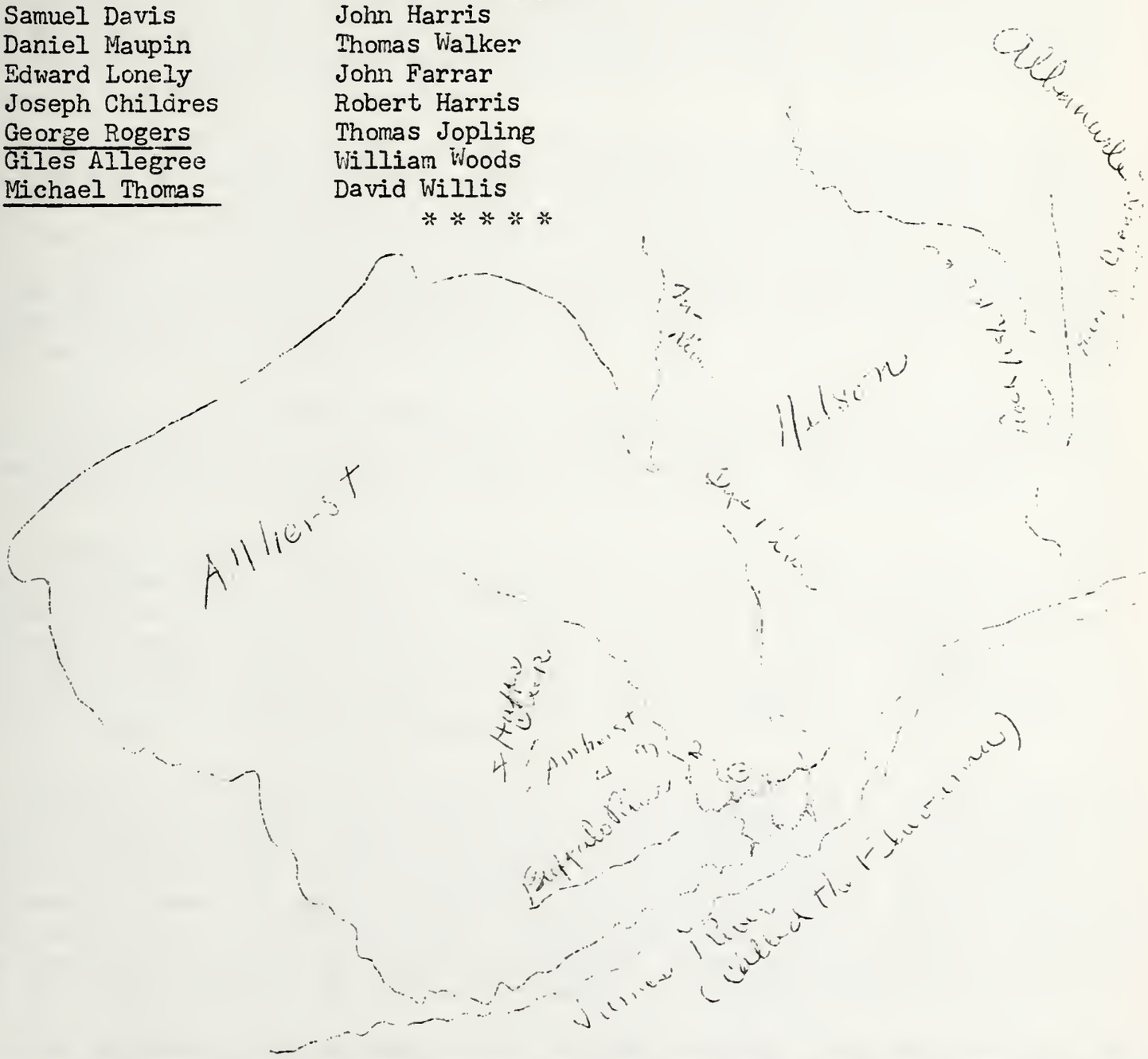

MAP DRAWN BY ALIMAE AIKEN OF HARRISONBURG, VA. showing the creeks and streams near which the Damerons and related families took up their land.

1. Stovall's Creek.
2. Bolling's Creek.
3. Harris Creek
4. Huff's Creek.
(John Damron's land).

(Note: The creeks 1, 2, 3 were taken from the oldest map at the University of Virginia Library, which was not divided into counties. These could be just over the line into Nelson but I think they are in Amherst. They are not marked in maps of today. 4 is one mile west of Amherst. I do not know in what direction it flows.

I have not seen any proof that the daughter of Christopher Garlington was the wife of Bartholomew Damron, Will 1708,but this is thought possible by several persons as noted elsewhere in this mss. Mrs. Cornelius found the will of a second Christopher Garlington probably in Northumberland County Book 1706-20, p. 210, Will May 18, 1709, no date of recording, sons Christopher Garlington, Samuel Garlington, William Garlington, wife,Mary Garlington; daus. Frances Garlington and Sarah Jones; executors brother Maurice Jones, wife Mary Garlington, son Christopher Garlington. She noted: "Due to the destruction of records in the Clerk's Office 1710 by fire, this will was destroyed and re-recorded and no witness names are given and no date that it was recorded. There was a Garlington and perhaps his name was Christopher before this one, and it may be it was his daughter that married Bartho. Dameron."

She also found the proof that the Christopher Dameron of Brunswick County was the son of Bartholomew there--which I had been guessing for a long time--which means he was brother of Alexander Dameron of Brunswick. Brunswick County, Va. deeds show in 1770 "Bartholomew Dameron to Christopher Dameron, Parish of Saint Andrews, County of Brunswick 'the sd. Bartholomew for love and aff. which I bear unto my son the sd. Christopher Dameron." Barth. Dameron purchased from Wm. Downing adj. land of John Matthews. Wit. George Dameron, David Ball, Betty Dameron, Augustine Coppedge, James Love, Jr.

Now who is this George Dameron? Who is Betty Dameron, the other witness? Could this George be the son of William, Will 1785, whose brother Christopher had a son Alexander? I wonder if the wife of William were a dau. of Alexander Moorehead to account for the name Alexander, or the wife of Christopher Inv. 1836.

In Northumberland County, Va. Book 2, p. 8, Aug. 11, 1751, rec. Aug. 12, 1751, Mrs. Cornelius found the deed of "Stephen Mahanes letts to Christopher Dameron parcel of land lying in Wiccocomoco Parish N. side of Mill Creek during the term of eighteen years from the 25th day of Dec. next which will be the year of our Lord 1769 for the just sum of Fifteen pounds of Current money of Virginia (Except his Mother Deborah Mahanes' dower.) Signed Stephen Mahanes (S), Wit. Charles Ingram, George Dameron, Joseph Dameron."

In trying to find which Lawrence, Jr. had a wife Jane, I asked Mrs. Cornelius to check this: "I went to the clerk's office this A.M. July 6, to look up the deed of Lawrence Dameron and his wife Jane. If it is the book 1710-13 it cannot be read, the year of 1713 is all blotted with ink and the original is so badly faded it cannot be read. I tried to get enough out of one deed of the Harding family to make sense but it could not be done. There is much more here that will straighten out the Dameron family, but it is a big search. After 1800 there are more deeds and wills that will explain most of the line. I now charge $3.00 per hour."

She did find in Book 1726-29, April 11, 1727, rec. Apr. 19, 1727, the inventory of Josias Damron, signed by his Admrs. Jane Dameron, and list of personal property. This must be the former widow of Pemberton Claughton. It is unlikely that William was the son of Josiah or Josias Dameron, as he would have been too old to have had a guardian in 1742, when Christopher was guardian of William. Hence it appears William was the son of Bartholomew, Will 1735, whose will was proved by his brother Christopher.

Julia Dameron Old went to Richmond to examine the Northumberland records and found the following in the Court Orders 1729-1737, when she also proved the father of William Dameron was Lawrence, son of Bartholomew.

"The last will and testament of Bartholomew Dameron presented for court by Christopher Dameron, extr. therein named and proved by the oaths of Josias Gaskins and Thomas Dameron extr. made oath to the sd. will and is admitted to record and certificate granted to th. Extr. for obtaining letters of probate in due form, he having performed what is usual in such cases. Upon motion of Thos. Dameron, extr. of last will and testament of Barth. Dameron, dec'd, Christopher Garlington, Sam[ll] Garlington, Josias Gaskins and John Gaines or any three of them are appointed to meet some time before the next Court (being first sworn by the next justice) and appraise the estate of Barth. Dameron, dec'd,for money ordered that of (?): Exhibit and inventory thereof upon oath of the next court." (p. 189.)

Page 353 had: "The last will and testament of John Dameron, Dec. was presented to Court by Thomas Taylor, extr. therein named and proved by the oath of Josias Gaskins witness thereto."

The next County Record Book 1738-43 had an item p. 21 or 25 of a deed from Thomas Dameron to Hughlett, Christopher and Rice.

It has also on p. 255 the will of John Dameron: "I, John Dameron of the County of Northumberland . . . etc." proved July 11, 1743. The inventory on p. 265 was two and a half pages and listed 9 slaves,no other names mentioned.

The Northumberland County Record Book 1726-29 had on p. 123, an appraisal of the estate of Elizabeth Dameron 20 Nov. 1728, sworn to by Francis Waddey, Christopher Garlington, Thomas Winter." (Note by H.F.S. This was the wife of Bartholomew Dameron, said to be proved by a Garlington historian to be the daughter of Christopher Garlington, but I have not seen the proof. Mrs. Keach says they were married 1666, but Leo Holz noted: "Have you ever tried to coordinate the marriage date of Bartholomew and Elizabeth Garlington (1666) with the dates of birth of their children? Christopher who married Sarah Ball was born about 1700.")

Page 63-a, ibid. has the inventory of Josiah Dameron, 11th day of April, 1727.. obedience to order of court bearing date 15th March 1726-27 of Peter Presly... have appraised the estate of Josias Dameron. (items named), signed, James Lamkin, Richard Claughton, Robert Hurst (?), sec. Jane Dameron. This inventory of the estate of Josias Dameron dec'd was (?) into the Northumberland County Court by Jane Dameron admr. of the said dec'd and is admitted to record. To p. in parte of the aforesaid Josias Dameron's debts to Capt. J. Cralle, To Joseph Miller, to Chas.Fallon to be paid by myself. Extr. Jane Dameron.

P. 52 had a deed bet. Charles Dameron &. George Ball, 62-a, 18th day of Apr. 1727, between George Ball of one part and Charles Dameron of the other part... sell unto said Charles Dameron and his heirs forever beginning at a line of Josias Gaskins, being part of land the said Ball bought of John Bledsoe 62 a. of land with edifices, orchards, woods, timber and timber trees, with waters, privileges and advantages etc. to said Charles Dameron and his heirs.

The Orders 1743-49 had references to Moses Dameron, J.Dameron, Sarah, Thomas, Barth. etc. but Julia Old did not have time to copy down the references. On p. 9 is a deposition of Thos. Dameron between Haynie and Moorehead.

PART ONE:

THE DAMERONS OF ALLEGHANY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

The Damerons of Alleghany County, Va. are descendants of the Revolutionary soldier, Joseph Dameron. Kegley's Virginia Frontier has Joseph Damerell (the name was often spelled this way, especially by the Lazarus Dameron family of Albemarle), a member of the militia, 1783, in Capt. Pryor's Company, p. 452, on James River, Botetourt County. The Botetourt Marriage Register shows: John Damron m. Molly Hardy 22 Mar. 1796, Security Thomas Hardy, minister Edward Mitchell. Sally Dameral above age of 21, m. Jos. Hamilton, 11 March, 1800, Christopher Dameron, affirmation as to age, Ezekial Williams, security.

The Centennial History of Alleghany Co., Va., p. 129, says: "The Damrons have been a prominent family of Dunlap Creek. John died 1828. His wife was Polly and his children were: Elizabeth, Joseph, John, William and Andrew and Christopher. Elizabeth married Thomas Smith. Joseph was a lawyer. Page 154, surveyors: Joseph Damron 1824-33, Andrew Damron, 1838. P. 66 Joseph and Andrew Damron on first school commission of the county. P. 140, the residents in 1840 included Andrew, Christopher, Isaac P., Joseph and William Dameron. (V. 3, Va. Collections, 17 W. (1) 242.) Page 150 Justices: Joseph Damron 1827, Andrew Damron 1838. Page 65, the Methodist Episcopal Church was located at Damrons, in the west part of the county.

Page 198: Joseph and Andrew Damron, delegates from Alleghany, were of an old family in the east of Virginia. Page 146, Isaac Damron m. Margaret Bennett of Sampson, 1855. (Mrs. Jewell gives this as Margaret Benner, Alleghany Marriages.)

Page 161: Soldiers of the War of 1861, Company G 22d Reg. "Rocky Point Grays" of Alleghany County: Henry C. Damron enlisted 1861, Lewisburg, died of disease. Stannard Damron, discharged 1863. William Damron. Samuel A. Damron.

A note from Ruth Dorius says: "The Damerons lived in Covington town." A John Dameron was in Monroe County, W.Va. 1820.

Pendleton County, Va. Aurelia M. Jewell sent a note from the History of Hancock County, Ill., by W. Gregg, p. 700 (200?), Wm. P. Damron, native of Pendleton County, Va., b. 3/7/1833, son of George H. and Jane (Lyon) Dameron, natives of Va., m. Catherine E. Segar, native of N.J. Ch. Lena L. and Wm. H.

The ancestry of this family is as follows:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, wife Dorothy, of Northumberland County, Va.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, m. Elizabeth, perhaps. dau. of Christopher Garlington.

III. JOHN, Will 1743, in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, m. Elizabeth Taylor. Their children were Bartholomew, Will, 1807, whose descendants went to Bourbon Co., Ky., Joseph of Northumberland, Will 1759, m. Elizabeth Waddy, and had daughter, Nancy; John m. Sarah Tignor. He d. 1777, Halifax Co., N.C. His sons Joseph and John went to Green County, Jefferson County, and Lincoln County, Tennessee, and descendants live now at Elora, Tenn.; Thomas Dameron, Will 1766.

IV. THOMAS, Will 1766, Wicomico Parish, Northu;mberland Co., Va. had sons Thomas, sole heir in will, Lazarus, Jo., Aron and Moses, several Revolutionary soldiers.

V. Jo. or Joseph, in his father's will, 1766, went to Botetourt County, Va. where he was in the militia 1783, in Cpt. Pryor's Company on James River. He seems to have had a son Joseph, Jr., one Andrew, one John m. Molly Hardy, d. 1828.

Brunswick County, Va. Court Order Book, sent by Annabel Walker.

Pt. 1, 1732-49, no Damerons. Pt. 2, 1751-1757, no index, no Damerons. Pt. 3, 1757, to 59, nothing. Pt. 4 had the following:

Page 313. Christopher Dameron and Bartholomew Dameron, his father and next friend,against John Willson, charge assault and bettery. Jan. 1764.

Page 310. Thomas Huson against Joseph Dameron and Swan Pritchard, debt. Def. acknowledged the debt, but Jos. said it was not as much as Huson claimed. Agreed to pay.

Page 350. Christopher Dameron by Bartholomew, his father and next friend, charges trespass and assault and battery against John Wilkenson.

Page 460. Deed of gift from Sarah Dameron of the first part and Jospph Dameron of the other part proved by oath of Bartholomew and Christopher Dameron, two of the witnesses.

Page 462. Indenture of bargain and sale between Joseph Damern and Patience his wife of the one part and Benj. Goodrich of the other part, Patience having been first privily examined as the law directs freely relinquishes her right of Dower to land.

Page 475. Chris. Dameron by his father again appears against John Willson, son of old Henry, assault and battery. Def. failed to appear. Court awarded damages to the Damerons.

Part 5, 1772-1774: Page 46. Chris. Dameron and his father against John Willson.

Page 152. Indenture of bargain and sale between Bartholomew Dameron and Geo. Trotter acknowledged and recorded.

Page 235. Indenture of bargain and sale between Bartholomew Dameron and Hugh Lambert, ack. and recorded.

Page 236. Indenture of bargainand sale between John Dameron and Bartholomew proved on oath of Drury Matthis.

Page 380. Indenture of bargain and sale between Christopher Dameron and his wife Sarah and Bartholomew Dameron, acknowledged and ordered recorded.

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Christopher and Geo. B. Dameron settled in Perry Co., Miss. 1806-1807, p. 554, History of Mississippi, Robt. Lowry and Wm. McCardle, Jackson, Miss. 1891. (Sent to Louise Dameron by Helen Lindsay.)

Logan Douglas Dameron, son of Geo. Ball Dameron who was a native of Va. and tobacco planter, married Miss Mary W. Moore. Logan was b. N.C., Caswell Co. 1827, when six years removed to Randolph Co., Mo. with father, married Miss Chappell. U.S. Biographical Dictionary, Missouri.

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Mrs. Wesley (Melda) Waldrop, wrote Oct. 30, 1953: "Alexander Dameron Jackson's mother was a Dameron. His father was Isaac T. Jackson born about 1751. They went from Va. to Caswell Co., N.C. about 1805 where Alexander Jackson enlisted in the War of 1812 in 1814, and from there to Sumner and Smith Cos,, Tenn. Alexander had two brothers we know of, Bob and Bot. His father was a cousin to Andrew Jackson, the President. I have not proved that but the family has always said it. Alexander Dameron Jackson b. May 5, 1797, in Va. d. Apr. 15, 1886, m. Margaret Stalcup, Nov. 9, 1817, Smith Co., Tenn. moved to this county 1832. children: Martha Susan Jackson (my husband's gr. grandmother m. Thos. Jeff. Hughes); Isaac T. Jackson, died young; William R. Jackson; Margarett Elizabeth; Nancy Ann Moorehead Jackson m. Wellington B. Winchester; Mary Jane m. Benderman; Priscilla Eoline m. Russel; Isabelle Virginia Gardner Jackson m. McChristian. I do not knew where his parents married in Va. or where they are buried either in Caswell, N.C. or Tenn." Her address is 1602 Miller Avenue, Murray, Ky. This line would be from Bartholomew Dameron m. Anne Moorehead b. 1732, son Alexander, dau. m. Isaac T. Jackson.

Brunswick County, Va. Court Order Book, seen by courtesy [illegible].

Pt. 1, 1732-49, no Cameron. Pt. 2, 1749-1757, no Cameron, no Cameron. Pt. 3, 1757, to [illegible]. Pt. 4 had the following:

Page 311. Christopher Cameron and Christopher Cameron, his father and next friend, against John Williams, charged assault and battery, Aug. 1765.
Page 340. Thomas [illegible] against Joseph Cameron and Jane his wife, [illegible]. Def. acknowledges the suit. [illegible] was not at such a place [illegible]. Agreed to pay.

Page 350. Christopher Cameron by Christopher, his father and next friend, charges trespass and assault and battery against John Williams.
Page 460. Deed of gift from Jane Cameron of the first part and Joseph Cameron of the other part [illegible] Christopher and Christopher Cameron [illegible] of the witnesses.
Page 462. [illegible] between Joseph Cameron and Jane his wife of the one part and Thos. Cameron of the other part, Defendants having been first legally summoned [illegible] to land.
Page 489. Charles Cameron by his father [illegible], son of [illegible] and [illegible], [illegible] damages to the [illegible].
Part 5, 1774-1776: Page 460. Charles Cameron and his father against John [illegible]son.

Page 475. Judgement of [illegible] between Christopher Cameron and [illegible], Trotter acknowledges, [illegible].
Page 476. Judgement of [illegible] between Christopher Cameron and John Lambert, [illegible].
Page 277. Judgement of [illegible] between [illegible] Cameron and Christopher Cameron proved on oath of [illegible].
Page 280. Judgement of [illegible] between Christopher Cameron and [illegible] Cameron, [illegible].

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Christopher and Jane R. Cameron settled in Perry Co., [illegible]. History of Montgomery, [illegible], 1883. ([illegible] Cameron [illegible].)

Logan Douglas Cameron, son of [illegible] Cameron [illegible] tobacco planter, [illegible]. U.S. Aeronautical Commission, [illegible].

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Mrs. [illegible] (Cameron) [illegible], Oct. 30, 1950: [illegible]

The proof that Joseph, the Revolutionary soldier, was the son of Joseph, I found in Amelia County, Va. where the Grantee Index, p.57, Deeds, 1734-1947, shows a deed to Joseph Dameron from George Hill, D.B. 14, p. 89, no date given but examination of the deed showed the date 14 Feb. 1777. There was no Dameron in the Grantor index. Joseph's pension said his father lived in Brunswick and had a plantation in Amelia on which Joseph' was overseer.

We also find in the Brunswick County, Va. deeds one of 1767, Sarah Dameron to my loving son Joseph Dameron, witnesses, Samuel Dameron, Bartholomew Dameron, Christopher Dameron. This was sent by Mrs. Cornelius with the note: "This Sarah was the wife of Christopher Dameron d. 1764 in Northumberland County. Samuel was also their son, also Bartholomew. Christopher was the son of Bartholomew and the grandson of Christopher and Sarah (Ball) Dameron. To prove this she looked up the deed in 1770, Brunswick County, Va. as follows:

"Bartholomew Dameron to Christopher Dameron, parish of Saint Andrews in County of Brunswick the sd. Bartholomew Dameron for love and affection which I bear unto my son the sd. Christopher Dameron. Barth. Dameron purchased it from Wm. Downing adj. land of John Matthews. Witnesses George Dameron, David Ball, Betty Dameron, Augustine Coppedge, James Love, Jr. Wm. Brown."

I made a mistake on p. 27-h, III, line 4, as I mis-read a deed of gift from Christopher to Joseph as being a will and thought there were two Christophers in Northumberland. These lines should be cut out from 5 to 10. This gift was from Sr. Christopher to the son Joseph who m. Patience Coppedge and went to Brunswick. I think Mary Burton who married a Joseph Dameron 1790 in Caswell Co. was a second wife.

Now who was the above "George Dameron?" He looks to be another son of Bartholomew, and possibly this was the George who was in Halifax, Va. later on and who went on to Lincoln County, N.C. with John Dameron, who might have been a brother, or nephew.

Mrs. Cornelius found a John Dameron in Brunswick County Records 1798, son of Christopher, hence he would be brother of Bartholomew who m. Rebecca Malone. Book 17, p. 385, Nov. 30, 1798:"Christopher Dameron of the county of Caswell and State of North Carolina, appoint my son John Dameron, of the county and state aforesaid, my attorney to collect from the estate of John Ingram, dec'd the legacy left my wife, Sarah Dameron, by virtue of the said dec'd last will and testament, and the said John Dameron is hereby empowered to settle with the exors. of the said deceased the aforesaid Legacy by either taking property to the value thereof or bonds.

"State of North Carolina, Caswell County. I do hereby certify that Christopher Dameron duly ack'gd in person. A. Murphy, C.C.

"Certified from Wm. Rainey, Jr. of Caswell that Archaband Murphy is clerk of Court Brunswick."

This settles the question of the wife of Christopher Dameron who was Sarah Ingram. Mrs. Cornelius did some work on the Ingram family and found this among the Ingram papers. An Ingram genealogy is being done by Earl A. Truett, 313 Wilkinson Place, Memphis, Tenn. descendant of Charles Ingram and Elizabeth Dameron, dau. of George Dameron and Elizabeth Dennis. Elizabeth Dameron Ingram had a son John who married Hannah Pines, their son Joseph D. Ingram married Winifred Nelms. Joseph and Winifred had son Thomas who m. Jemima Watkins, Thomas and Jemima left N.C. and went to Marshall Co., Miss. establishing a large family.

THE DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH BALL DAMERON OF KENTUCKY

The ancestry and descendants of Joseph Ball Dameron are as follows:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who was in Northumberland County, Va., before 1652, will proved 1660. His wife was Dorothy, surname unknown, and the children were: Bartholomew, eldest, George, Thomas, Samuel, Lawrence and Dorothy.

II. BARTHOLOMEW, Will 1708, m. Elizabeth, probably daughter of Christopher Garlington, 1650-1728. Their children were: Bartholomew, Christopher m. Sarah Ball and moved to Brunswick County, Va. with sons; Lawrence; Josiah, Eliza, Mary, Sarah, John, youngest.

III. JOHN, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland Co., Va. Will 1743, m. 1728, Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Taylor, her will being 1775; she m. 2d George Flowers. Children: John m. Sarah or Sukey Tignor and d. 1777 in Halifax Co., N.C., his descendants now being in Elora, Tenn. etc.; Joseph, Will 1759, m. Elizabeth Waddy, and had a dau. Nancy; Thomas, Will 1766, of Wicomico, who had sons, Jo., Lazarus, Moses, Thomas, Aron; and Bartholomew, Will 1807.

IV. BARTHOLOMEW, will proved 1807, m. Mary, probably the youngest child of John and Elizabeth Dameron Waddy, Louise H. Dameron believes, who did the genealogy of this branch, but she has no proof. Their children were:

1. Elizabeth W. m. by 1807 Rev. Lewis Lunsford, and 2d in Bourbon Co., Ky. her cousin Elisha Carter, then moved to Missouri. Their dau. Maria Lunsford, m. Abraham Irwin, and moved to Prebble County, Ohio. (Rev. Lewis Lunsford was one of the most famous preachers of his day in the Northern Neck.)

2. Bartholomew, of Crane's Neck, Northumberland Co., Va.

3. Thomas, Jr. of Dameron's Neck, Northumberland Co., Va. (his cousin Thomas, son of George was called Sr.). He m. Apr. 20, 1797, Nancy Ann, dau. of Thomas Ball andMildred Downman, the marriage being performed by Rev. John Howe, Methodist minister. They moved to Kentucky in 1810. He d. 1826 and she d. Oct. 8, 1827, in Campbell County, Ky. He also died in Campbell Co., Ky. Feb. 8, 1826. Children:

V. THOMAS DAMERON, JR. m. Nancy Ann Ball, as above, who was related to the mother of George Washington, Mary Ball Washington. Her ancestry is as follows:

I. William Ball (William^{7}, William^{6}, John^{5}, John^{6}, William^{3}, Robert^{2} William^{1})
II. Capt. George Ball, of Wicomico, Northumberland Co., Va. b. 1683, d. 1746, m. about 1714 Grace Haynie, dau. of Anthony and Sarah Harris Haynie. One daughter was Sarah Ball m. Christopher Dameron. One son was Capt. George Ball, Jr. d. 1770.
III. Capt. George Ball, Jr. of Northumberland d. 1770, m. June 14, 1736, Lancaster County, Va. Ana Taylor, dau. of Elizabeth and Thomas Taylor, will 1717. Their children were: Capt. David, 1735-1811; Thomas, ca. 1737; Sarah, Martha. Capt. George Ball, Jr. was Vestryman of Wicomico 1770, in the House of Burgesses 1769 etc.
IV. THOMAS BALL, ca. 1737, m. at Warsaw, Richmond Co., Va. 3 Apr. 1766, Mildred Downman, dau. of Robert and Elizabeth Porteous Downman. Their dau. was Nancy Ann. (The father of Mary Ball Washington was Joseph Ball 1649-1711, who left no male line, and he was son of Col. William Ball m. 1638 Hannah Atherold in London, the other sons being William, Richard and Joseph; and a dau. Hannah m. Capt. David Fox.)
V. NANCY ANN BALL m. Thomas Dameron, Jr. of Northumberland County, Va. 1797.

Thomas Dameron and Nancy Ann Ball had the following children:

1. Mary Waddy, 1798-1880, m. Major William Carmack, ch. Jacob, Wm. and Nancy.
2. John Thent, 1800-1829, d. Nov. 19, 1829, unmarried.
3. Edward Porteous b. Aug. 10, 1802, d. Apr. 1862, in Kentucky, an M.D.
4. Thomas, inf., the elder, born and died 1804.
5. Thomas, b. Nov. 10, 1805, d. April 1, 1820.
6. Joseph Ball b. 1808, m. Frances Herndon and Sally Selby Barker.
7. Louisa Ann b. Apr. 26, 1811, m. Sept. 16, 1828, Walter G. Carter and moved to Missouri. He was her cousin.

VI. JOSEPH BALL DAMERON b. Oct. 7, 1808, d. Sept. 9, 1889. He m. first Dec. 12, 11, 1828, Francis Herndon, b. July 16, 1810, d. Oct. 20, 1849, and their children are as follows, as given by Alfred Speer Dameron in his Historical and Genealogical Sketch of the Dameron Family of England and Virginia, 1940, 35 PP.

1. Thomas F. Dameron, b. 11-6-1829, d. ____, m. 12-5-1850, Susan Kiser, Kenton Co., Ky. 1938, children: Ida, Wallace, Fred, Fransan.

(1) Ida m. Sommers.
(2) Wallace d. 9-10-1867 m. 1st, 11-18 , Ona Oliver d. 1908, ch:
1st Clifford Dameron.
2nd Jessie Dameron b. 1892.
3rd Charles Dameron b. 1895.
4th Ira Dameron b. 1899 (Army.)

He m. second Alice Ransom, Verona, Ky. but had no children.

(3) Fred B. 11-3-1861, m. Maggie Riggs b. 4-9-1872, d. 6-19-1940, ch:

1st, Ralph m. Adela Welling, ch. Vivian, Betty Ruth, Carol Lea.
2nd, Morris m. Helen Cartledge.
3rd, Hazel d. 1912.
4th, Garnet m. Wilbert Kohnen 7-17, 1940.
5th, Chester Lee, m. _____, ch. Kenneth m. 6-29-40 Dixie Haney; and Donald.

(4) Fransan.

2. John W. Dameron, m. Winnie Cleet, children: (He was b. 6-9-1831).

(1) Clinton d. 1898.
(2) Henry b. 9-12-1863 d. 3-11-1938, m. Dora Hoop, ch. Athol, Ruby.
(3) Ida d. 4-1936.
(4) Nora.
(5) Walter b. 12-8-1867, d. 6-11-1938, m. Anna Wagner, ch: Howard, Evert, Arthur, M. (DeMoss, Alice (Trapp), Carl Dameron.
Above children of Henry: Athol m. Nellie Ratchford, and had ch. Vernon Lee and Arvil. Ruby m. Frank Garrett, ch. Frank, Jr. and Ruby May.
(6) Lula.
(7) Corda, m. Wm. Mell, of Oregon or Washington. Ch: Clyde Mell, Raymond, Irene m. Dan. Sanders, ch, Dorothy, Donald; Lucy Mell m. Alex Baker, ch. Dora, Kenneth, Leo, Ronald; Virgil Mell.

3. Nancy M. Dameron m. _____ Clift, ch. John and Rose, Kansas City. She was b. 3-20-1833, and her sister Floriler E. b. 2-22-1835, following.

4. Floriler E. Dameron m. Jas. McHatton, ch. Elizabeth (Lizzie) m. ___ Dean. She d. 11-8-1938, ch. James McHatton, John, McHatton, Nancy McHatton. Elmer Dean was son of Elizabeth Dean, and James McHatton had ch. Florence, Lillian and James.

5. James H. Dameron m. _____ Ketchum, ch. George (river Captain), Hattie, m. Martin, Aberdeen, Ohio, Maysville, Ky. By second marriage had son Charles. James H. Dameron was b. 1-20-1837.

6. C. Leander Dameron b. 1-5-1839 m. Hattie _____, Jacksonville Co., Ill., ch. John, Ella, Oscar, May, Dau. _____

7. Irene Dameron b. 12-25-1840 m. _____ Cox, ch. Ollie Cox.

8. Maria L. Dameron b. 8-27-1842, m. Robert Ware, ch. George, Fanny, William, Anna Ware; m. 2d _____ Daugherty.

9. George W. Dameron b. 1-1-1845, m. _____, Rushville, Ind. ch. Fred, Will and Lena.

10. Elizah Dameron b. 1-8-1847, m. Rebecca Sommers b. 1-24-18 (?), d. 8-4-1929, ch. Joe of Mt. Carmel, Mary (Hamilton), Illa (Pruett),Anna, Albert, Hattie, Will, Hot Springs, Ark., Carrie. Mary b. 6-23-1884 m. Elmer Hamilton. Hattie b. 1-16-1888 m. Thruman Pruiett b. 6-17-1877, ch. Clifford Pruett. Ila b. 7-8-1879 m. John Pruett b. 12-16-1870, no ch. Will Dameron b. 5-1930 m. Carrie Storn, ch. Leroy, Harry, Arthur, Gladys. Anna b. 7-24-1882 m. Will Howard, ch. Melvin, Everett, Garnet, Frank, Thelma, Chester and Harold Howard. Carrie b. 4-23-1886, m. Fred Menefee, ch. Paul b. 7-2- , Robert b. 1-16 -

11. Mary Dameron b. 1-8-1847 (twin), m. Tom Hawkins, ch. George, Charles, Hattie (Spaulding), Ella (Wagner), Irene (W. Winans, Florida).

12. Infant, Edward Dameron b. 5-20-1849, d. 11-18-1849.

Joseph Ball Dameron married second 10-2-1851, Sarah R. Selby Barker, and their children were:

13. Joseph B. Dameron, b. 9-3-1852, m. Mary Jane Youtsey b. 1853, d. 10-7-1925, ch.

(1) Alfretta b. 2-1877, d. 9-21-1891.
(2) Susan Taylor Dameron b. 1-1880 d. 1932, m. Charles Quinby, ch. Mildred and Virginia.
(3) Laura Dameron b. 9-1886, d. 1935, m. Thomas Ingram, ch. Bessie and Thomas Clay Ingram.
(4) Henry b. _____, d. 1939, m. Adaline Keesler, ch. Dorothea, Howard.
(5)James, m. Mable Scharr, no ch.
(6) Sarah Jane b. 9-1877, m. John Maynard, ch. Josephine.
(7) Spencer b. 1881, m. Mary Pagan on 1-10-1906, ch. Loraine, Ruby, Helen Hattie, Spencer, Ida May.
(8) Bessie m. 1st Wm. Wilson, ch. Bonnie Jean Wilson; m. 2d Thomas Ingram, her brother-in-law.
(9) Ruth m. 1st Henry Lickert, ch. Lillian Mae Lickert; m. 2d, A.B. Larsen, no ch.

14. Infant b. 3-25____, d. 3-27, 1855.

15. Infant b. 3-2-_____, d. 3-24-1856.

16. Catherine Gertrude Dameron b. 4-14-1857, m. William Iles 11-20-1875, ch. Jess, Arvil, Joseph, Veva Lue, Walter, Otto, Lilly Iles.

17. William E. Dameron b. 3-22-1861,d. 1-11-1937, m. Nettie Hillard Townley, 9-17-1890, ch.

(1) Edgar T. m. Beulah _____, ch. Edgar, Jr., Richard, Sally B.
(2) Lillian Ida m. 1st Leonard Price, 2d, Wm. E. Brown, ch. Donald Brown.
(3) Asa Joseph m. Dortha Graves and 2d Virginia Bertram, her son Jay, being b. 1-19-40.

(4) Harry McK. Dameron, son of William E. Dameron and Nettie Hillard Townley, m. Jessie Yeoman, Perth, Scotland, ch. William T. Dameron.

(5) Alfred S. Dameron m. 6-2-1928 Helen C. Wiglow, no ch. He is the author of the Dameron genealogy of his branch., res. Newport, Ky.

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Joe Dameron b. 5-8-1876, m. May Mason b. 5-22, 1881, ch. Vashti, Lucille, Erwin; Charles, Raymond were husbands of above: Vashti m. Charles Gaynor, Lucille m. Raymond Riggs; Erwin m. Alfreda Corbin.

The children of Henry Dameron b. 2-12-1863 were: Athol b. 1914, m. Nellie Ratchford, ch. Vernon Lee, and Arvil; Grace (Spenlau), Ione (Youtsey); Ruby m. Frank Garrett, ch. Frank, Jr. and Ruby May.

James McHatton had ch. Florence, Lillian and James.

THE DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD PORTEOUS DAMERON, M.D.

Alfred Speer Dameron also gives notes on the above family as follows:

"Tom. Dameron, farmer, Cold Spring, Ky. m. _____ Murnan. Several children.

"Gus. Dameron, physician, Dayton, Ky., had one son Gus, in California.

"Ed. Porteus Dameron, M.C. m. Ida Carter, ch. Lawrence C. Dameron, New York City, N.Y., Elsie, Washington, D.C.; Violet, Atlanta, Ga., m. Ely Ruffner.

"Will Dameron, dentist, m. Maggie Bates, no children.

"Robert Dameron, M.C., Newport, Ky. m. Lucy Parks, one dau. Louise.

"Elizabeth Dameron m. _____ Thomas, ch. Minnie m. Mr. Milliken; Betty m. Mr. Jones; Edw. Porteous Thomas.

"Macre Dameron m. 1st Mr. Simmonds, one son, Edder, m. 2d Ed. Lape, dau. Bessie.

"Above information furnished through the courtesy of Mrs. Geo. McGinnies (Jessie Carter, sister of Ida Carter, wife of Ed. Porteous Dameron.)"

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Acknowledgment is made to "Miss Mildred Quinby, Miss C. M. Simons of the Genealogy Reference Department, Cincinnati, Ohio Public Library, Mrs. Dora Dameron, Loraine Dameron, Mrs. Ralph Dameron, Mrs. Lizzie Dean, Mrs. Walter Moore.. Jos B. Dameron's Family Bible in possession of Mildred Quinby; Wm. E. Dameron's family Bible in possession of Alfred Dameron."

He also gives the following information:

Ann Dameron m. 1764 Thomas Waddy had ch. John, Thomas, Walter, Margaret, Betty, Nancy. She was the dau. of Col. Thos. Dameron and his wife Ann Pope.

Winifred Dameron b. 1719 dau. of Col. Thos. Dameron's 2d marriage, m. Samuel Downing, Jr. newphew of Samuel, Sr., ch. William, moved to Accomac Co., Anne, m. Thomas Shearman, ch. Thomas Shearman, Alice Chinn, Samuel, Winifred. (Alice Chinn Shearman m. 9-14-1795 her 2d cousin, Robert Jones Dameron (5). Winifred Dameron Downing m. Capt. John Williams, second marriage,about 1754, dau. Pattie.

Thomas Dameron b. 1765-1826 (?) m. about 1790 Elizabeth (tradition says Willis), ch. Mary Ann m. 1821 Isaac Brent, b. 1791-1862; Willie 1794-1834, lived in Georgia; Margaret Sarah Dameron m. Lawrence Haynie Keach 1798-12-7-1839; Elizabeth d. unm.

THE CARMACK FAMILY OF KENTUCKY

Louise H. Dameron of Sarasota,Florida, sent the following records, April 30, 1955:

"Harrison Co. Ky. record: Jonathan Carmack and Jean Anderson, 15 April 1795, by Benj. Coleman.

Campbell Co., Ky. Will Book C, p. 59, Nov. 30, 1843, proved, written 13 Feb. 1843. Will of Jonathan Carmack: my wife Jean, Jacob Carmack and William Carmack, my grandchildren, the tract of land their mother now lives on. Mary Carmack, my son, William's widow. Daughter Cynthia's heirs--Washington, George H., William Mortimer andElizabeth Bryant, heirs to Samuel Bryant and children of my daughter Cynthia, both dec'd, the Lyon tract equally divided between John Anderson and Edward Morier, my sons in law. Granddaughter Ellen, dau. of my sonGeorge Washington Carmack, my youngest son. George Washington Carmack, Edwin Morin, my executors, proved 30 Nov. 1843. JONATHAN CARMACK. Witnesses, William Riley, John Orr.

Jonathan Carmack, will proved Nov. 30, 1843, married Harrison Co., Ky. 15 April, 1795, Jean Anderson. Children from will and Bible:

(1) William Carmack (Major), d. before father's will Nov. 1843, married in Campbell Co., Ky. bond 14/19 April 1821, by Rev. John Stephens Bapt. minister, Mary Waddy Dameron, oldest child of Thomas and Ann Ball Dameron. Their children (grandfather's will):

i. Jacob.
ii. William b. Dec. 22, 1833, m. Oct. 29, 1857, Maria Campbell.
iii. Nancy Ann Ball Carmack b. Sept. 18, 1824, m. 27 Feb. 1839, C.D. Ky. Robert McCormick, James B. Dameron, bond.

(2) Cynthia Carmack (dau. Jonathan), m. Sept. 4, 1820, C. C. Ky. Samuel Bryant, children in grandfather's will: Washington Bryant, George H. Bryant, William Mortimer Bryant, Elizabeth Bryant.

(3) Elizabeth Carmack, m. 4 Sept. 1820, C.C. Ky. John Anderson.

(4) Martha Carmack b. Feb. 2, 1800, d. Aug. 1, 1859, m. June 28, 1828, C.C. Ky., Edward Morin, b. Feb. 9, 1802, died May 29, 1876. Edward Morin was the son of Edward and Elizabeth Morin. He was b. Culpeper Co., Va. July 7, 1745, d. Campbell Co., Ky. Sept. 16, 1841. Elizabeth Morin lived to be 82 but the dates on her stone can not be read. They are all buried at Flag Spring Baptist Church. Edward, Sr. was a soldier with a long record. Their children:

Maria A. b. Aug. 10, 1829, m. Dec. 21, 1848, Milton Biggs.
Sarah Margaret b. May 12, 1831.
William A. b. July 26, 1833, m. Missouri Biggs.
Cynthia J. b. Feb. 12, 1836, married her cousin Robert Morin.
Augusta Virginia b. June 28, 1839.

(5) George Washington Carmack, daughter Ellen.

"CARMACK MARRIAGES:

Sally Carmack & William Bright, Campbell Co., Ky. 6 April 1816, Jonathan Carmack, bond.
Cynthia Carmack & Samuel Bryan, Sept. 4, 1820, C.C. Ky.
Elizabeth Carmack to John Anderson Sept. 4, 1820, C.C. Ky.
Major Wm. Carmack to Mary Dameron, bond April 14, 1821, C.C. Ky. married April 19, by Rev. John Stevens.
Thomas H. Carmack to Polly Sanders, March 19, 1834, Madison Co., Ky.
G. W. Carmack to Martha Johnson May 14, 1838, by Rev. E. L. Southgate.
Nancy Carmack to Robert McCormick 27 Feb. 1839, Joseph B. Dameron, bond.
Jane Carmack to Matthew Iles, 13 Oct. 1841, Campbell Co., Ky. John Anderson, Bond.

Mary E. Carmack to R. D. Bartlow, Dec. 4, 1845, C. C. Ky., by Rev. Walt Shearer.
Miss Mildred Carmack to John F. Travis 13 March 1852, C. C. Ky.
William Carmack to Maria Campbell, Oct. 29, 1857, C. C. Ky, Rev. Beagle.
Nancy Carmack and William T. McCormick, C.C. Ky., Sept. 11, 1862, Rev. Jesse Beagle.
Knox Carmack m. Cora Reiley, Campbell Co., Ky. She was the dau. of John & Letty Ann (White) Reiley b. 1856. (I believe Know the son of Edward Porteous Carmack, am not sure.
Orville Carmack, son of Edward Porteous Carmack. They are now living 201 E. Main Street, Alexandria, Ky.

"FROM THE CARMACK BIBLE:

William Carmack was born Dec. 22, 1834-33 (?)
Maria Carmack was born Nov. 12, 1837.
Edward P. Carmack was born Sept.7, 1858 (named for my grandfather Edward Porteous Dameron, who was their physician).(He is the father of Orville Carmack who lives in Alexandria.)
Augusta Carmack was born March 10, 1860.
Morincy Carmack died Aug. 26, 1864.

"Another list:

William Carmack b. 22 Dec. 1833.
Maria Carmack b. Nov. 12, 1837.
Edward Porteous Carmack b. Sept. 7, 1858.
Agusta Carmack born March 10, 1860.

"William the son of Wm. & Mary Carmack was married to Mariah, the dau. of Cyrus and Susan Campbell, Oct. 29, the year of our Lord, 1857.
"Edward the son of William and Mariah Carmack married the dau. of James and Casandra Pryor March 5, 1889."

"Then I have this Morin record: Edward Morin b. Culpeper Co., Va. July 7, 1745, died Sept. 16, 1841, married in Va. Elizabeth ____. Their son Edward Morin b. Feb. 9, 1802, died May 29, 1876, married June 28, 1828, Martha Carmack.

"Have copied both of these in different cemeteries--

"Old Baptist Cemetery, Alexandria, Ky. 'Jacob Carmack died March 9, 1827, age 18 years.'

"Old private cemetery on a high ridge: 'Sacred to the memory of Jacob Carmack who departed this life March 9, 1827, in the 18th year of his age. Here lies my darling son beneath this stone, He is dead and gone and left me here to mourn.' (Why two stones--Orville Carmack took me to see the last one.)"

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"MARY WADDY DAMERON b. Feb. 13, 1798, d. August, 1880, m. April 19, 1821, by Rev. Stephens, Major William Carmack. Their children:
Jane Mariah b. Jan. 11, 1822.
Ann Ball b. Sept. 18, 1824: 1907, married 27 Feb. 1839, Robert McCormick. Their children: Hettie McCormick m. Baldridge; dau. m. ___Rouse, live Covington, Ky.; John McCormick. (I believe John McCormick who lives at Oneonta, Ky., not far from Alexandria, Ky. has the Bible. He may be dead but he has children.)
Ella McCormick, unmarried. She gave me these records."

Mrs. W.R. Carter, Minneapolis, Minn., 5021 Woodale Lane, is a descendant of the Carmacks, and has a copy of the Bible records of Ella McCormick.

At the end of her letter to Louise Dameron, Ella McCormick wrote: "This is the record--my grandmother Carmack's (Mary Waddy Dameron's) Bible and is copied as her father wrote it and I presume that after his death grandmother wrote the marriage of Aunt Louisa and the death of her parents and brother John. My mother, Ann Ball McCormick, told me she remembered her uncle John and also remembered when her Aunt Louisa married Walter Carter--they moved to Missouri--Lee Dameron, one of Uncle Joe's sons also moved to Missouri. (Signed) ELLA McCORMICK.)"

Louise then wrote: "A later letter after I had sent her the records from Mrs. Keach, Ella McCormick wrote: "Many thanks, etc. Many of the names are familiar to me having heard mother and grandmother speak of them. A Miss Lunsford visited grandmother when mother was small, she was a cousin. Aunt Louisa married her cousin, Walter Carter. Grandma used to tell me what a wonderful man your grandfather was. How he performed miracles of healing for those days and how she did not know how to wash a pocket handkerchief, when she was married, but that her father gave her a lot of colored people to work for her. I have also heard that whenever the minister failed to appear for the regular services they always sent for grandfather to preach to them."

Louise also recapitulated the "Waddy Family, Mrs. Keach, W. & M. V. 25, 254."

"JOHN WADDY^4 (Thomas^3 Thomas^2 John^1) Northumberland will dated Dec. 15, 1748, proved Feb. 13, 1749, married Elizabeth Dameron, daughter of George & Margaret Taylor Dameron. Margaret Taylor Dameron married ii Thomas Winter. On Sept. 8, 1746, Mr. Thomas Winter, stepfather of Mrs. Elizabeth (Dameron) Waddy made a deed of gift to his wife Margaret Winter for 10 negroes during said Margaret's life and at the death of said Margaret to go to Elizabeth Waddy and her children. Children:

"1. Thomas Waddy^5. In 1764 Ann Dameron, dau. of Thomas & Ann Dameron, m. him.

2. John Waddy^5.

3. Elizabeth^5 Waddy, married Joseph Dameron, son of John & Elizabeth Therriot Dameron, daughter Nancy. Elizabeth m. 2nd Robert Pinkard.

4. Mary Waddy^5. (I believe this is the Mary Waddy who married Bartholomew Dameron, brother of above Joseph. (Signed) LOUISE DAMERON.)"

Louise Dameron also wrote: "I think Mary Waddy Dameron was named for her grandmother, wife of Bartholomew. He left a special bequest to "Molly." Bartholomew's daughter Elizabeth W. Dameron who m. 1st Rev. Lewis Lunsford, m. 2nd Elisha Carter, was undoubtedly named for her grandmother Elizabeth Dameron Waddy.

"Bartholomew Dameron^4 (John^3 Bartholomew^2 Lawrence^1), will 1805, Wicomico parish, Va. signed Nov. 2,1805, proved 12 Oct. 1807. "In full health etc. etc. To my wife MARY, during her widowhood; to my dau. Elizabeth W. Carter and her husband Elisha Carter; To my grand-dau. Maria Lunsford; my sons Thomas & Bartholomew; to my son Thomas Dameron the land where he now lives, situated in Dameron's Neck. To my granddaughter MOLLY DAMERON; to my son Bartholomew Dameron, the land where I now live, on Crane's Neck. Names David Ball Jr. of Clover Green and Capt. Thomas Hunt to be executors with my sons Thomas and Bartholomew Dameron."

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Ethelmae Carter (Mrs. W.R.), 5021 Wooddale Lane, Minneapolis, Minn. Sent the following from her great-aunt Sarah Iles Weaver, and has the Iles descendants. William (?) Carmack, owned land in Ky., which he later divided with his sons: Children William Carmack m. Mary Dameron; Washington, George, Patsy m. Rev. William I. Maren (Baptist); Betsy m. ___ Anderson. Children of Wm. Carmack and Mary Dameron: Jane Mariah 1822-1907 m. Matthew Iles; Ann Ball b. 1824; Elizabeth, Mildred, Jacob d. 1905; William d. 1905 (He was 6 mos. old when his father died).

THE COPPEDGE-COPPAGE FAMILY

The following was sent by Emma B. Mayo, Istachatta, Florida

I. William Coppage of Chelsworth, Wilts., Eng., m. 2nd. Elizabeth _____.
II. William Coppage, the immigrant to America, of Wiltshire, Eng, d. 1700 in Northumberland County, Va. m. 1st Anne Houson (?), 2nd Jane fflora (?).
III. Charles O. Coppage b. Apr. 1680, d. 1750, Northumberland County, Va., m. probably Lucy Lunsford, dau. of John Lunsford and Catherine Neale or Kenner.
IV. Moses Aaron Coppage b. 1632 or 41, Virginia, d. 1801, Bradfordsville, Ky.
V. James Coppage b. 15 Apr. 1763,in Va. d. 19 Mar. 1791, m. Nancy O'Bannon, b. 16 Oct. 1772, d. 1841. The mother of James Coppage was Mary Jane Catlett d. 1812 at Bradfordsville, Ky., dau. of John Catlett d. 1778, Fauquier Co., Va., and Anne _____, probably a Fairfax. (John was son of William Catlett of Lancaster County, Va., whose father was David Catlett, son of Susanna Merriweather (Nicholas?), and great-great grandson of Henry Woodhouse, Governor of Bermuda; nephew of Sir Francis Bacon, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal.
VI. Uriah Coppage b. 19 Apr. 1813, in Washington Co., Ky. m. 25 July, 1833, Margaret Mann, b. 1815, near Ky. River in Ky., both died Bradfordsville, Ky.
VII. Elizabeth Coppage b. 28 Jan. 1837, at Bradfordsville, Ky. d. 6 March, 1918. She married George Martin Weatherford b. 6 May, 1825, at Pottsville, Ky. on the date of 7 Sept. 1854. He d. 2 June, 1921, at Bradfordsville, Ky., in Marion County. (His father was Jesse Weatherford d. about 1890 in Casey County, Ky. and his mother was either his first wife Mary (?) Condor, or (2) Judy McKenny. Jesse's father was George Weatherford and his mother Elizabeth Spraggins. Martin Condor was father of Mary. (The father of Margaret Mann was Joseph Mann and her mother Elizabeth Hill.)
VIII. James Weatherford b. 8 Nov. 1876, at Bradfordsville, Ky. m. 26 June, 1896, Victoria Henderson b. March, 1879, at Bradfordsville, Ky., dau. of James Madison Henderson d. about 1910 or 1911, at Bradfordsville, Ky., and Mary Mann (Cox), d. about 21 Oct. 1918, at Lebanon, Ky., dau. of Jacob Mann and probably a Lowe. Thomas Henderson was father of James Madison Henderson, whose mother was Betsy Branic.
IX. Emma B. Weatherford b. 12 Jan. 1897, at Bradfordsville, Ky. m. 20 Sept. 1916, Andrew T. Rokes, and 2nd W. H. Mayo. Her res. is Istachatta, Florida.

She also sent a chart on Isaac Coppage, cousin to John Coppage, d.1807, Scott County, Ky., who married Elizabeth Dameron "A rich widow married first to John Coppage, she was first cousin to George Washington through the Ball family.) Their children were: (She referred me to Ollia Coppage, Cynthiana, Ky. for more information

1. Travers Coppage, m. Francis, sister of Catherine Coppage. He was born in Va.
2. Charles Coppage m. Martha Ann _____.
3. Grace Coppage, m. ____ Philes.
4. Lucy Coppage, m. ____ Kearns.
5. Rhodom Coppage, m. Catherine Coppage.

She said Dr. John E. Manahan sent his ancestry to her as follows: I. William Coppage came to Northumberland County, Va. in 1652. 2. Charles Coppedge d. in Northumberland 1750 (had son Isaac.) 3. Charles Coppedge, Jr. 4. John Coppage, Revolutionary soldier. 5. William Coppage. 6. John Scott Coppage. 7. William Richard Coppage. 8. Myrile M. Coppage (Becker). (. Lucille Becker. 10. John E. Manahan.

Her page on John Coppage, cousin of Isaac, gives his father as William Coppage, and his wife as Elizabeth Dameron, their children being John Coppage m. Susanna Harrison, and William Coppage m. (1) Mary Whitlege and (2) Mary Trippett.

CHARLES DAMERON, WILL 1827

Charles Dameron's will is on p. 237, Book 25, Northumberland County, Va. Jan. 6, 1827, recorded 11 Feb. 1828, and shows: "All write & title and clame of property in this world to my wife Sarah Dameron for hur widohud but one dollar to George Dameron, William Dameron to have $25.00, Isaac Dameron to have $25.00, Elizabeth Dameron to have $25.00, Thomas Dameron to have $25.00. Test. Edmond LeCompt, Rachel LeCompt, Susan LeCompt, signed CHARLES DAMERON."

The Sarah in the above will was probably Sally Webb, daughter of Thomas, who m. Charles Dameron, 10 Sept. 1810, Thaddeus Carter, Security on the marriage bond, Northumberland Co., Va. 1783-1850.

Book 25, p. 111, also shows Elizabeth Dameron's Will July 26, 1826, rec. Feb. 14, 1826, Northumbwrland County, Parish of Wicomico: To son Charles Dameron one bed and furniture which he already has. To daughter Nancy Marsh one bed and furniture which she already has. Residue and remainder of estate to son George Dameron, signed ELIZABETH DAMERON, Test. Hiram Gaskins, Jas Barrett, Jessee Banks." She might have been the wife of George Dameron, son of Charles, Jr.

As there is a similarity in names the ancestry of this family may be as follows:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, wife Dorothy, in Northumberland County, Va. before 1652.
II. THOMAS m. Sarah, daughter of George Bledsoe, lived in Wicomico on estate adjoining Gaskins on Wicomico River, of which he was co-heir, ch. Charles, Andrew.
III. CHARLES, whose heir was Bledsoe Dameron m. Ann, and d. before 1795. He also had a daughter m. Spriggs and had daughter Winifred, a daughter m. Williams and had a son Charles, and Charles, Jr.
IV. CHARLES, JR., whose wife may have been named Hannah, her inventory being Oct. 9, 1775, appraised by Barth. Dameron, Thos. Waddy, Geo. Ingram. The children of Charles were mentioned in the will of his brother Bledsoe, 1770, and there might have been others: George, Mary, Hannah, Elizabeth, Nancy.
V. GEORGE DAMERON, son of Charles, Jr. perhaps husband of above Elizabeth Dameron, whose will shows a son Charles, one George and daughter Nancy Marsh.
VI. CHARLES DAMERON, perhaps son of Elizabeth and George Dameron, though I have no proof of it. His will Jan. 6, 1827, bequeathed to George, William, Isaac, Elizabeth and Thomas Dameron.
VII. CHARLES Y. DAMERON might be of this branch, shown as parent with Lucy Douglass; Jacob Ketmar and Barbary Ellen Wirty, on the Marriage License of Caroline Y. Dameron, age 19, Richmond County, Va. and Michael Ketmar, age 26, Cumberland County, Pa. Feb. 3, 1874.

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MORDECAI G. DAMERON m. Lucy Hughlett, ward of Thomas W. 4/13/1829, Northumberland. His Will is in Book 26, p. 416, Oct. 20, 1830, rec. Nov. 8, 1830: The six negroes I received from estate of Thos. W. Hughlett I wish at my death to return to the same estate. I wisha meeting house built on corner of my land and give an acre of land and $500.00 for that purpose; riding mare Lucilla, saddle and bridle to David T. Ball to ride to preach the Gospel. I give small gold watch, bureau and small mahogany table to Miss Elizabeth Pinckard, requesting her to keep them. Balance of estate to my mother and sister and child, Robert Pinckard my executor. Signed MORD. G. DAMERON (SS), Test. Lemuel Yerby, Joh. Slocum."

HENRY S. DAMERON m. Mariah S. Dobyns Apr. 20, 1861, no ages nor parents given, p. 9, Northumberland Mar. Reg. Anna Dameron was b. Dec. 10, 1872, to Henry and Maria Dameron, p. 40, Richmond County Births. Richmond County Marriages also show: P. 25, 3 Jan. 21, 1869, James L. Hudson, 30 yrs. and Maria C. Dameron, wid. 24 yrs., parents Henry C. and Catherine Hudson, Joseph & Elizabeth Dobyns.

It has required a great deal of research to prove the ancestry of William Dameron but this was finally done by Julia Dameron Old who made a trip to Richmond and searched the Court Records, discovering that his father was Lawrence Dameron, Jr. son of Bartholomew[1]. The descent would run thus, therefore:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, eldest son, m. probably Elizabeth Garlington.

III. LAWRENCE DAMERON, JR. who had land in Mattapony next to his brother, Josiah. The Northumberland County Court Orders 1729-1737 have the following items:

"Order to meet to appraise Estate of Lawrence Dameron--William Caron and Anne Caron came into court and made oath that Lawrence Dameron departed this life without making a will. (p. 30)

"Christopher Dameron and wife Sarah vs. Geo. Ingram, Def... Geo. Ingram ordered to pay to Christopher Dameron and Sarah his wife sum of 25 pounds current money. (p. 122)

"In the difference depending in this court between Christopher Dameron, plf. and William Caron and Ann, his wife, defendants for and concerning William, the orphan of Lawrence Dameron, it is the opinion of this court that the orphan be removed and upon the evidence of arms by Haynie in this matter, Christopher Dameron is appointed guardian to the said orphan upon his givingsecurity according to law and ordered that the said William Caron pay the costs hereby occasioned as Executor. (p. 137)"

Northumberland County Record Book 1737-1742 had the following on this family:

"Thanewell or Thonwell Dameron having attended one day as an evidence in a suit depending in this court between Margaret Ball, Pl. and John Ball, def., John Ball is ordered to pay her for her attendance. (p. 50)

"May 17, 1741, In action of assault and battery betw. John Irons, Jr.(?) and Thomas Dameron Sr. the (Jr.) failing to prosecute etc.... (p. 170).

"The last will and testament of John Dameron, Dec. was presented to Court by Thomas Taylor Extr. therein named and proved by the oath of Josias Gaskins witness thereto. (p. 353)

"On the petition of William Dameron for his part of William Bentley's estate in the hands of Robert Jones, pay him 332 pounds of tobacco due the sd. Dameron and also one third part of the sd. estate in his hands. (p. 360.)

"Christopher Dameron, guardian of William Dameron, produced an account of his guardianship by which it appears that the orphan is indebted to him in the sum of seven and a quarter pounds of tobacco. (p. 364.)"

The will of Bartholomew Dameron in 1708 said: "I give and bequeath unto my Son Laurence Dameron the one-half of a divident of Land in Mattapony which my ffather bought of Mr. Thomas Broughton by Pattent three hundred and forty-two acres to him the sd. Laurence the Plantation which he now lives on & up the Neck for his part to him and his heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Josiah Dameron the Remainder part of my Land in Mattapony (Vitz) from his Brother Laurence up the Neck..." This was in St. Stephens' Parish in Mattapony Neck, adjoining John Claughton. It is near Kinsale, Va. This region was where Lawrence Dameron, the first, had his first patent of land in 1652.

PART ONE:

FURTHER NOTES ON WILLIAM DAMERON BY JULIA DAMERON OLD:

From William and Mary, I, p. 258: Thomas Waddy died in 1737. His will was presented for further proof in Aug. 8, 1738, on the oath of William Dameron (one of the witnesses).

P. 262: Sept. 11, 1775, the will of Joseph Mott . . . The court appointed David Ball, George Dameron and Barth. Dameron to divide the estate of Randolph Mott between Jane, his widow, and Randolph Mott. On June 13, 1796, William Dameron was guardian to Lucy, Milly, James and Francis, orphans of James Waddy.

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On the subject of the ancestry of William Dameron, I have already noted that we have an item which indicates that he might be the son of Bartholomew, Jr. son of Bartholomew, Sr. b. 1645, and Elizabeth Garlingtin. This was found in a manuscript by Mrs. O.A. Keach on the Damerons of Northumberland County, Virginia, in tracing the line of Thomas of Kentucky. It was sent to me by Louise H. Dameron. "Christopher^3 Dameron (Bartholomew^2 Lawrence^1) presented the will of his brother, Bartholomew Dameron as his executor, on June 18, 1735, and was the guardian of William (probably his nephew) in 1742." However, the fact that William was witness on the Thomas Waddy will 1738, indicates that he was of age--21 years--in that year, so why should he have a guardian in 1742? Also the will of Christopher 1764 says that his son Bartholomew had all his land entailed to him "and his Uncle Bartho. Dameron dec'd has given him negroes." This may have been because he was named for him,but it would seem he would have left all his property to his son or sons instead of to a nephew, if he had had children. This will Mrs. Cornelius was unable to find of Bartholomew 1735, and the court records will have to be checked. In 1758 William Mahanes conveyed to William Dameron 50 acres of land in St. Stephens' Parish, Northumberland "on a branch running into Matoponie River which was purchased from Travis Downman." This may be the time William moved to this parish from Wicomico if he did, but the deed apparently did not say which parish William was from at that date. I believe that Josiah died too early to be the father of William who would have been of age and now in deed of a guardian in 1742 probably in that case. But then we see he was of age in 1738. It is possible the wife of the second William was a Waddy as he was guardian, 1796.

Mrs. Old also found the following:

William and Mary, V. 23, p. 419: Will of John Harris, dated 23 Feb. 1709-10, witnessed by Geo. Dameron, Josiah Dameron and Onesph. Harvey.

Virginia Colonial Militia Officers, p. 106, Lancaster County, Joseph Ball, Lt. Col. P. 1104, Col. Wm. Ball. P. 1104, Capt. Wm. Ball.

Order Book 1755-65, Aaron Bledsoe, Lieut. of Co. under Capt. Benj. Pendleton, commission dated July 21, 1755.

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Louise H. Dameron sent a note that Helen Lindsay of Kentucky sent information that"Christopher and George B. Dameron settled in Perry County, Miss. 1806-1807. There was also a John in Mississippi, who may be the one who was in Brunswick with the Christopher Dameron family.

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Mrs. Walter Towner Jewell, 1402 North Greenbrier Street, Arlington 5, Va., wrote: "My husband's great-grandmother was Nancy Dameron b. about 1800 probably in Lincoln County, Tenn. and m. Elisha Powers. Her father was Joseph Dameron, who m. Elizabeth Haynie... Joseph had a wealthy brother John who lived six miles from Salem.

THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM DAMERON

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had land in Northumberland County, Va. 1652.
II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, eldest son, will 1708. He m. Elizabeth.
III. LAWRENCE, given land in Mattapony, St. Stephens' Parish, by Bartholomew.
IV. WILLIAM, Will 1768, m. Sarah or Susannah; Will proved 1773.
V. WILLIAM, Will 1785, of Heathsville, Va. m. Elizabeth _____, her Will 1792.
VI. WILLIAM, Will 1821, of St. Stephens' Parish, children: John, heir, Luke, Fanny m. Richardson and had ch. Eliza, Mary; Bartholomew, William.
VII. WILLIAM, M. Nancy _____, and had children as follows (p. 77, taken from Colonial Abstracts, V. 3, births 1661-1810, Northumberland County, Va. He lived in St. Stephens' Parish.

1. Molley Draper Dameron, b. Dec. 18, 1786.
2. John Corbin Dameron, b. Feb. 5, 1784. His first wife was Hester or Ester, and his son's appears to be Lucy, as p. 16 North Farnham Parish Register, Richmond County, Va. shows "Dameron, John C. Feb. 15, 1860, age 46, Lucy Dameron, wife." This John C. must be a son as he is too young to have been born 1784. His children:

(1) "Dec. 23, 1869, Joseph Dameron, 27 years & Amelia A. V. Ambrose, age 21, parents John C. & Ester Dameron, R.B. & Alphia Ambrose. (p. 27, line 46, Richmond County, Va. Marriage Licenses 1850-1906.)
(2) "Richard L. Dameron, Westmoreland Co., 28 yrs. and Alice Harper, 25 years, parents John C. Dameron, Benjamin Harper." (p. 31, line 7, Feb. 5, 1872.) Another item p. 71, line 59, Dec. 8, 1887, shows "R. L. Dameron widr. 45 yrs. and Mary F. Bartlett, Westmoreland County, parents John C. & Hester Dameron, _____ Bartlett." Acct. Book 15, p. 542-3, shows, Jan. 2, 1911: R. L. Dameron, J. Paul Stoseh, his Commrs., p. 552, May 30, 1911, rec. July 3, 1911, R. L. Dameron with Joseph Salzig, his Admrs. widow Mrs. R. L. Dameron, Mrs. Catherine Salzig, Mrs. Lue E. Fallin, Mrs. Hester R. Sydnor." Children:

i. "Dec. 27, 1891, John Sydnor age 21 & Hester E. Dameron, 18 years. parents, Addison & Caroline Sydnor, R. L. & Alice Dameron." (p. 81, line 61, ibid.)
ii. "Oct. 2, 1901, Charles H. Fallin, age 28, Westmoreland Co. and Lovemma Dameron, age 19. Parents, Richd. L. & Martha D. Fallin, Richd. L. & Alice Dameron.
iii. "Dameron, Mary S. born Sept. 15, 1884, infant, parents R. L. & Alice Dameron." (Richmond County, Va. Birth Register, 1853-1914.)

(3) Possibly Frances, as p. 4, line 2, Sept. 1856 shows George Weathers age 23 years and Frances Dameron, age 18 years, parents Wm. Weathers, no parents shown for Frances.
(4) Martha, who on June 6, 1867, m. John J. Shackleford, she being age 21, parents John & Martha B. Shackleford, John C. & Lucy Dameron. (p. 21, line 46.)
(5) John C. Dameron , age 46, 1860, Feb. 15, had wife Lucy.
i. Albert Dawson Dameron b. Oct. 12, 1860, parents John C. & Lucy Dameron. (P. 16, Richmond County Birth Register.)

3. Luke Williams Dameron, b. Mar. 30, 1789, son of above William and Nancy Dameron. He was in the War of 1812 and received a pension. John Corbin Dameron was also in the War of 1812, see p. 61, genealogy. Luke W. Dameron m. Polly C. Dameron, daughter of Christopher 8/21/1816 (Northumberland County, Va. Marriages

4. William Dameron, b. Feb. 5, 1792. (Northumberland Co. Rec. of Births 1661-1810, Va. Col. Abstracts, V. III, m. Lucinda Sandy Aug. 15, 1818.

JOSEPH DAMERON AND AMELIA A. V. AMBROSE.

IX. JOSEPH DAMERON m. Dec. 23, 1869, Amelia A. V. Ambrose, he being age 27, and the son of John Corbin Dameron and Ester. Their children were:

1. Samuel L. Dameron, who m. Ethel G. Sisson, age 18, he being age 24, at the time of the license Sept. 1, 1897, p. 94, line 35, Richmond County, Va. Marriage Licenses 1850-1906. Parents are listed as Joseph L. & Amelia Dameron, Wm. D. & J. D. Sisson now Hudson. Samuel was b. Dec. 6, 1873, p. 74, Richmond Co. Births.

2. Laura B. Dameron, who was age 26, at the time of her marriage license to G. H. Fones, age 39, Westmoreland County, p. 102, line 21, parents Richard & Susan B. Fones and Jos. & Amelia Dameron, May 16, 1900. She was b. Sept. 10, 1872, as shown p. 70, Richmond County, Va. Birth Register, p. 70.

3. Fanny C. Dameron, b. July 20, 1876, parents Joseph & Amelia Dameron, p.84. She m. Lucius Balderson age 22, Dec. 23, 1900, license, par. Ray & Mary Balderson.

4. Ruth Dameron, b. Aug. 6, 1880, parents Joseph & Amelia Dameron, p. 99, ibid.

Richmond County, p. 85, lists: "Dameron,Mrs. Joseph, May 30, 1914, parents Redmond Ambrose, R.B. Dameron." This appears to be a death. Joseph may have had another wife, Maria C., mother of Loulie M. Dameron, age 20, m. John F. Rock age 35, Oct. 6, 1883, p. 59.

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LUNSFORD AND ALICE DAMERON OF RICHMOND COUNTY

X. LUNSFORD DAMERON appears to be a son of Richard L. Dameron, as his daughter Mrs. Catherine Salzig is mentioned in the will of 1911 of R. L. Dameron. His wife was Mary ____ and their children were: (Alice appears to be an error.)

1. Catherine, b. Sept. 1, 1875, parents Lunsford & Mary Dameron, as shown p.82, Richmond County, Va. Birth Register, 1853-1914. P. 105, line 25, Richmond Co. Marriage Licenses shows: "June 12, 1901, Joseph Salzig age 24 and Catherine Dameron, age 24, parents Peter & Catherine Salzig, Lunsford and Alice Dameron.

2. P. 62, Richmond County deaths shows an infant Dameron Oct. 3, 1888, 20 days of age, parents Lunce & Mary Dameron.

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NOTES ON THE DAMERONS OF RICHMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

The following items are from the Richmohd County, Va. Marriage Licenses, 1850-1906:

P. 25, line 3, Jan. 21, 1869, James L. Hudson, 30 yrs. and Maria C. Dameron, wid. 24 yrs., parents Henry C. & Catherine Hudson, Joseph & Elizabeth Dobyns.

P. 28, line 21, May 25, 1870, Thomas Lusby, widr. 35, & Fannie J. Dameron, 21, parents John T. & Margaret Lusby, Chas. & Lucy Dameron.

P. 88, line 53, Nov. 27, 1894, Joseph Samuel Clark of Northumberland County, widr., 56 yrs. & Adora Lavania Dameron, 49 yrs. parents, Fanny Clark, Richard & Sarah Dameron. (Richmond County, Va. Death Register, 1853-1917, gives, p. 24, Dameron, Sarah J. May 6, 1866, age 38, parents John & Sarah Thrift, information given by Richd. Dameron.)

P. 59,line 44, Oct. 6, 1883, John F. Rock 35 and Loulie M. Dameron, 20 yrs. Parents Wesley & Ann Rock, Joseph & Maria C. Dameron.

P. 103, line 40, Dec. 23, 1900, Lucius Balderson 22 & Fanny Dameron, 22, parents Raysel & Mary Balderson, Joseph & Amelia Dameron.

Marriage Register, Richmond County, Va. 1906 ____.

P. 20, May 12, 1917, Jerry J. Dameron, 77, widr. Northumberland Co. & Lucinda F. Northern 63, wid. North'd Co. Parents none for Dameron, J.R. & R. A. Luttrell.

P. 20, Oct. 31, 1917, George E. Dameron, 32, widr. Westmoreland Co. & Cloud A. Dodson, 26, parents Jno.& Sarah Dameron, E. & Allie Dodson.

P. 31, April 29, 1925, Elton R. Dameron 21 & Louise Bryant 20, parents Richd. & Minnie Dameron, Columbus F. & Laura A. S. Bryant.

P. 54, June 1, 1940, Grayson Wilbur Dameron, 27, Northd. Co. & Ruth Lucile Smith, 19. Parents, Grayson Hampton & Florence Virginia Bradshaw Dameron, Thomas Wm. & Grance Ann Talbert Smith.

P. 58, Dec. 3, 1924, Wm. J. Dameron 29 & Anne Bell Hale 32, parents Eddie & Birdie Dodson Dameron, Charles & Cora Mureen Hale. P. 61, Oct. 3, 1944, Judson Booker Dameron 23 & Pearl May Davis 35, parents Eddie & Birdie Ann Dodson Dameron and George Wilbur & Susan Emma Jenkins Davis.

P. 63, Aug. 24, 1946, John Samuel Dameron 27, Westmoreland Co. & Dorothy Elizabeth Lewis, 24, parents, Rufus Bailey & Martha Virginia Richards Dameron, Walton Herman & Anne Agnes (Douglas) Lewis.

P. 67, June 19, 1948, Zachariah Courtney Dameron, Westmoreland Co. & Ann LeMoine Griffin, 21, parents Zachariah Courtney & Mary Atwell Dameron, Wm. Tayloe & Katherine Griffith Murphy.

P. 74, June 13, 1953, Elton Ralph Dameron, Jr. 22, Westmoreland Co. & Frances Catherine Franklin, 17; parents Elton Ralph & Anna Summiel Dameron, George Edward & Susan Gillis Franklin.

Richmond County, Va. Birth Register, 1853-1914.

P. 9, Dameron, Georgeanna, Dec. 20, 1856, parents Robert H. & Lucy Dameron. (Death Register shows her death p. 9, Dec. 26, 1856, parent Robert H. Dameron.)

P. 9, Dameron Richard Henry, Dameron George Addison, Dec. 17, 1856, parents Richard & Sarah J. Dameron.

P. 18, Dameron, Richard E. June 10, 1858, parents John & Susan Fones Dameron.

p. 73, Dameron, Mary, Sept. 3, 1873, parents Richard & Mary C. Dameron.
p. 46, Dameron, Richd. C. H. Oct. 10, 1879, parents Richard & Mary C. Dameron.
P. 46, Dameron, Wm. C. Jan. 6, 1879, parents Richard & Mary C. Dameron.
P. 90, Dameron, Mary S. Oct. 6, 1878, parents Richard L. & Mary A. Dameron.
p 129, Dameron, Esther L. Sept. 13, 1888, parents R. L. & Mary Dameron.

P. 138, Dameron, Alice R. June 30, 1891, parents R. H. & Mary Dameron.

P. 58, Dameron, Alice, July 13, 1886, parents Ben & Betty Harper Dameron.

P. 85, Dameron, Susie Garner, Jan. 4, 1744, parents Richard F. Fones, husband R. B. Dameron.

P. 91, Dameron, Nora H. July 1, 1916, 1 yr. 6 mo. 1 day, parents Emry Dameron.
P. 94, Dameron, Ellen Mattie, 21 yrs. 11 mo. 18 days, Oct. 3, 1917, parents S. G. Bryant, head of family Emry Dameron.

Richmond County, Va. Death Register, 1853-1917:

Page 9, Dameron, George, Dec. 26, 1856, parents Robert D. Dameron.

Page 23, Lucy S. Dameron, July 22, 1865, 64 yrs. 6 mo. 11 days. C. Y. Dameron gave information, parents Edward & Hannah Douglas.

Page 27, Dameron, Wm. J. P. July 10, 1868.

Page 34, Dameron, Wm. J. P. July 10, 1869, parents Chas. & Mary Dameron. (Looks to be same item as above.)

Page 40, Anna Dameron, Dec. 10, 1872, parents Henry and Maria Dameron.

P. 139, Dameron, Ruth, Sept. 6, 1891, parents Richd. C. & Maria Dameron.
P. 147, Dameron, Lowry G. March 1, 1894, parents R.C. & C. M. Dameron.
P. 151, Dameron, LeRoy G., March 1, 1895, parents Richard T. & C. M. Dameron.

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WILLIAM DAMERON B. 1792 AND LUCINDA SANDY

VIII. WILLIAM DAMERON, b. Feb. 5, 1792, son of William and Nancy Dameron, and brother of John Corbin Dameron and Luke Williams Dameron, m. Lucinda Sandy, Aug. 15, 1818, William B. Lewis, security (Northumberland County Records, Marriage License Bonds, 1783-1850.) He apparently m. 2d Harriet Lewis, as the same reference shows: "William Dameron, widower, and Harriet Lewis, May 19, 1832, J.W. Lewis, Security." William Dameron of St. Stephens' Parish sold land to John C. Dameron June 8, 1820, Book 22, p. 365. William Dameron and Lucinda, his wife, gave deed to John C. Dameron, for five acres of land Dec. 9, 1826, Book 25, record books, p. 52. William Dameron and Polly Mealy are witnesses to a deed to John C. Dameron in 1818 from John Mealy of St. Stephens' Parish, Book 21, p. 459. William Dameron and Lucinda, his wife, sell land to Bartholomew Dameron, test. George Dameron and Joseph Dameron. (Date not given.) (Note: In the War of 1812, Catalogue PR 381, MR 127, were George C. Dameron, Charles Dameron, Luke Dameron, John C. Dameron.)

1. Henry C. Dameron, son of William and Harriet Lewis, had dau. or grand-dau.

(1.) Josaphine. P. 42, Northumberland County Marriage Register, shows: "Dameron, Josaphine, age 25, and Ignacious Swift, age 25, Feb. 6, 1884, parents, Henry C. Dameron & Mary Holliday, Samuel Swift & Mary Pettit." P. 2, ibid, shows, "Dameron, Henry C. and Ann I.Dameron, age 20, he being 22, Sept. 10, 1855, parents W. Dameron and Harr. Lewis, W. P. Holliday & Eliz Hudnall."

(2) William S. Dameron. Page 48, Northumberland Marriages shows: "Dameron, Wm. S., age 30 Richmond Co., and Fannie A. Bell, age 25, Dec. 27, 1886, parents Henry C. Dameron & Ann C. Holliday, Vincent Bell and Mary Rock."

(3) Arabella Dameron. P. 26, Northumberland County Birth Register 1854-1917, shows her birth Jan. 8, 1862, parents "Henry C. Dameron and Catherine Dameron, information given by Mrs. Rock, aunt.

(4) Luenetta Dameron, p. 26, ibid, shows her birth Oct. 9, 1862, parents Henry C. Dameron and Catherine Dameron, information given by Mrs. Rock.

2. Jeremiah J. Dameron appears to be a son of William Dameron. His Will in Northumberland, Book C, p. 153, March 7, 1919, rec. May 24, 1922, bequeaths to wife Lucinda Frances Dameron use of my farm and house Stately Oaks in Lottsburg, after widow's estate to be divided between four nearest heirs, William S. Dameron or his heirs 1/4th part, to Josephine Swift, 1/4th part, to Clara Cookman or her heirs 1/4th part, Mary Catherine Hudson or her heirs 1/4th part, R. F. Rock executor, signed (JEREMIAH J. DAMERON.) Wit. William T. Callahan, Wm. C. Turner. Northumberland Co. Death Register, 1861-95 shows that Jerry Dameron gave information of the death of Harriett Dameron, Oct. 4, 1868, consort William Dameron.

3. Virginia m. James C. Hughes, age 20, she being 21, Dec. 4, 1856, parents Wm. Dameron & Harriet Lewis, James Hughes and Eliza Ashburn.

NOTES ON OTHER NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY FAMILIES.

RAWLEIGH DAMERON: P. 52 Northumberland Births Register shows: "Dameron, Mary E. March 14, 1871, parents Rawleigh Dameron and Hannah Dameron, information given by Rawleigh Dameron, father. P. 67 shows: "Dameron Jno. Mar. 10, 1876, parents Rawleigh Dameron and Anna Dameron, info. by father."

AUBREY DAMERON. Page 55, Northumberland Co., Va. Births, shows: "Dameron, Phoebe, May 1, 1873, parents Aubrey Dameron and Maria Dameron, info. by Aubrey Dameron, father.

THOMAS DAMERON AND HARRIETT CLARK. P. 49, Northumberland County Marriges, shows: "Dameron, George H., age 41, and Marganah Headley 24, Jan. 23, 1887, parents Thomas Dameron and Harriett Clark, Henry Headley and Mary Dawson. P. 20 shows: "Dameron, Sarah A. age 25, and Robert M. Clark, age 28, Nov. 2, 1871, parents Thos. Dameron and Harriett Clark, Nathaniel Clark and Elizabeth Clark. P. 85 shows: "Dameron, Cora Lee, 16 and Baily G. Lewis, 22, Feb. 1, 1905, parents Geo. H. Dameron, Marganna Healby, Gam. Lewis and Catherine King. P. 110, "Dameron Frank Warren, 21, and Lydia W. Cookman, 16, Feb. 8, 1917, parents Geo. H. Dameron and Margaret A. Headley, Ernest Cookman and Hannah C. Middleton.

WILLIAM W. DAMERON AND BETTIE WILKINS: Their marriage is shown p. 46, he age 30 and she age 24, Nov. 26, 1885, parents John Dameron and Mary Hall, Richard Wilkins and Elizabeth Bryant. He is listed as of Westmoreland County. On p. 98 is "Dameron, Grayson Hampton, age 25, and F. Virginia Bradshaw, 18, Oct. 18, 1911, parents William Dameron and Bettie Wilkins, E. S. Bradshaw and Alice E. Coles." This child is shown in Richmond County, Va. Marriages, p. 54, June 1, 1940, Grayson Wilbur Dameron, 28, Northumberland Co. and Ruth Lucile Smith, 19, parents Grayson Hampton and Florence Virginia Bradshaw Dameron, Thomas Wm. & Grance Ann Talbert Smith.

JOHN DAMERON AND SARAH DOUGLAS, are shown as parents of George Emery Dameron, age 24, who m. Mattie E. Bryant 22, Jan. 6, 1915, parents Senaca Bryant and Flay Ann Douglass. (Northumberland Co. Marriage Register.)

STEPTOE DAMERON and Fanny Bell Dandridge McQuire are listed as parents of Mary J. Dameron age 21, whose marriage license on July 14, 1909, to B. Moody McQuire, is listed on p. 93, which also lists Steptoe Dameron twice as a parent.

CLEOPATRIA M. DAMERON, is on p. 102, index, Northumberland Co. Marriages, only.
SOPHRENIA A. DAMERON and Gilly Deys are listed Aug. 1, 1855, Northumberland Marriages, no parents or ages given, p. 2.
ANN J. DAMERON, is listed under Henry C. Dameron in index, p. 2.
DOLLY or DOLLIE, is in Marriages, ibid, p. 78, but in index only.

BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON AND LUCY DAMERON. Lucy Lewis m. him 8/9/1830, Northumberland County Marriages. P. 3 ibid shows "Dameron, Lucy S. age 18 and Richard Dawson, 29, m. Dec. 17, 1856, parents Barthol. Dameron and Lucy Dameron, Benjamin Dawson and Frances Headley." Bartholomew appears to be a son of William, Will 1821.

ROBERT DAMERON. P. 50, Northumberland Marriages, shows: "Dameron, Henry, Westmoreland County, age 22, and Cora J. Craff, 17, Dec. 29, 1887, parents Robert Dameron and Sally Howson, Robert A. Crabb and Elizabeth Purcell.

ROBERT H. DAMERON and Rebecca Garner are given as parents of William V. Dameron, Westmoreland County, age 25, when his marriage license to Daisy D. Headley, age 16, was listed Dec. 29, 1897, p. 70. Her parents were Washington L. Headley, Dorcus Douglas

Northumberland County, Va. Marriage Register, 1853-1917:

Page 36, Dameron, Newton E. age 28, and Fannie Forester, age 19, Sept. 24, 1881, parents, Jos. M. Dameron and Mary A. Tune, Saml. K. Forester and Mary E. Rock.

Page 40, Dameron, Jos. A. 21 years and Laura M. Cookman, 16, Apr. 15, 1883, parents Jos. M. Dameron and Mary Tune, Jos. A. Cookman and Susan M. Bootle.

Page 50, Dameron, Willia A. age 32, and Ezekiel Cookman, age 44, Sept. 28, 1887, parents Joseph Dameron and Mary A. Tune, Jeremiah Cookman and Elizabeth Headley.

Page 69, Dameron, Ira T. age 25, and Minnie E. Wright, age 23, March 31,1897, parents Jos. M. Dameron and Mary A. Tune, James W. Wright and Virginia A. Beacham.

Page 95, Dameron, Harvey E. age 22 and Ida C. Cowart 21, Jan. 12, 1910, parents Newton E. Dameron & Frances Forrester, Wm. P. Cowart and Mary Amelia Adams.

Northumberland County Marriage Register, 1851-52:

Joseph M. Dameron and Mary Ann Tune,Feb. 21, 1851.
Charles H. Rock and Mary E. J. Dameron, Jan. 8, 1851.
Matthew Harrison and Francis R. Dameron, July 31, 1851.
Fleet J. Lewis and Gracy Dameron, Oct. 5, 1852.

Northumberland County Birth Register, 1854-1917:

Dameron, S.L.B. Chas. June 28, parents Joseph Dameron and Lucy Bray, information given by David Bray. Page 9.

P. 9, Dameron, Mary I. Mar. 24, 1857, parents Jos. M. Dameron, Mary A. Dameron, Poplar Hill, information given by Jos. M. Dameron.

P. 13, Dameron, Jos. A. April 15, 1858, parents Jos. M. Dameron and Mary A. Dameron, information given by J. M. Dameron.

P. 16, Dameron, Walton A. Sept. 18, 1859, parents James A. Dameron and Mary A. Dameron, information given by Jas. A. Dameron.

P. 35, Dameron, Jas. Oscar, June 18, 1866, parents James A. Dameron and Mary A. Dameron, information given by J.A. Dameron, father.

P. 36, Dameron, Ira, Aug. 24, 1867, parents Jos. M. Dameron and Mary A. Dameron, information by J. M. Dameron, father.

Northumberland County Death Register, 1861-95:

P. 7, May I. July 24, 1857, parents Jos. and Mary Dameron of Poplar Hill.
P. 23, Dameron, Joseph M. Nov. 15, 1870, parents Chas. & Jane Dameron, consort Mary A. Dameron, information given by Edward I. Tune, friend.
P. 14, Dameron, Lucy E. July 2, 1862, parents Bartho. & Virginia E. Dameron, information by ____ Wilkins, neighbor.
P. 25, Dameron, Jack, Feb. 1871, parents Lazarus and Sallie Dameron, information by Francis Blackwell, friend.
P. 26, Dameron, Juber, Feb. 1871, parents unknown, info. by ___ Headley, supt. of the Poor.

THE DESCENDANTS OF ROGER DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY AND RICHMOND COUNTY, VA.
Compiled by Merle Dameron Swift and Otelia Dameron Whittaker.

The descent of this family is as follows:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land patent in Northumberland County, Virginia, in 1652, "butting S.E. upon head of tanx Yeococomico River," which was "betwixt Yeocomico and Mattapony Rivers" near Anthony Linton, Thomas Broughton, John Mattrom. Looking out from Kinsale, it would be visible at the mouth of the river on the Northumberland County side, St. Stephens' Parish. His wife was Dorothy, surname unknown, and their children were Bartholomew, eldest, George, Thomas, Samuel, Lawrence Jr., and Dorothy, who married Josias Gaskins and Samuel Mahan.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, 1645-1708, m. Elizabeth, possibly daughter of Christopher Garlington. They lived in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va., their children being: Eliza, Mary, John, Sarah, Lawrence, Josiah, Bartholomew and Christopher, who m. Sarah Ball, cousin to George Washington's mother, and moved to Brunswick. Page 97, Northumbria Collecteana, has an item on Maurice Jones, Executor of Christo. Garlington, who refers to him as "my brother Maurice Jones" in his will dated 18 May, 1709. He swears he wrote the will 19 May, 1714. (17.210) This might mean that the wife of Christopher Garlington was the sister of Maurice Jones. The same reference on p. 33 shows: "Dorothy Dameron, relict of Lawrence Dameron, dec'd and Bartholomew Dameron, his eldest son, and Elizabeth his wife, give for love and affection 'unto our loving brother Laurence Dameron' all interest in 324 A. in Yeocomico par. 20 Nov. 1669 (16.145.)" This refers to the son of Lawrence Dameron, not to Lawrence, the son of Bartholomew. Another item which refers to this Lawrence is in Fleet, Northumberland County Court Orders, circa 1713, 16 May, 1717, entry under Step. Kean (6-213): "Stephen Kean (Keene)--a long entry-- By John Kean, his guardian and nearest friend complains against Thos. Dameron, Junr., concerns a copper still and pewter worm of L 50 sterling value; that the still was set under an apple tree near the house of Lawrence Dameron at the time of the death of his wife, Jane Dameron, etc. Appears to have been about 1713."

III. LAWRENCE DAMERON, son of Bartholomew above, who had land adjoining that of his brother Josiah as shown by Bartholomew's will: "I give and bequeath unto my Son Laurence Dameron the one-half of a divident of Land in Mattapony which my ffather bought of Mr. Thomas Broughton by Pattent three hundred and forty-two acres to him the sd. Laurence the Plantation which he lives on & up the Neck for his part." This was in St. Stephens' Parish in Mattapony Neck adjoining John Claughton, near Kinsale, Va. This appears to have adjoined the first patent of 1652, which was given for bringing seven servants to Virginia. Broughton's patent adjoined that of John Mattrom and Laurence Dameron and Lawrence Linton in 1657, on head of Broad Creek.

The Court Orders also have an item 1 Aug. 1708, 17,57: "Lawrence, son of Bartholomew Dameron, grandson of Lawrence, formerly bought a mare from Coxe." Fleet's Northumbria Collectanea also refers to Lawrence Dameron "Land adjoining Jno. Claughton in Mattapony Neck, St. Stephens' Parish, 18 Jan. 1707-08, 17, 89."

IV. WILLIAM DAMERON, "the orphan of Lawrence Dameron," was first the ward of William and Ann Caron and next of Christopher Dameron, his uncle. (p. 137, Court Orders.) P. 360 also has an item showing "the petition of William Dameron for his part of William Bentley's estate in the hands of Robert Jones." Julia Old looked up the Swem references in the Virginia Historical Index and found for these names only the following: William & Mary Quarterly, 5 (1), p. 18: "Caron, Daniel, upper district of James River in Virginia, 1764, Feb. 23. Ship, Mary of Bermuda, Master's name, Daniel Caron, whither bound--Bermuda." V. 1, V. p. 95 had in the Society of the Cincinnati in Virginia the name William Bentley.

William Dameron's will was proved in court June 14, 1773, by Susannah Dameron, with George Ball as witness and the oath of David Ball. No children were named.

V. WILLIAM DAMERON, whose will of Jan. 17, 1785, leaves his plantation to his wife Elizabeth and mentions grandson Edward Dameron Lewis, sons William, Roger 'who lives here', Luke 'gone to Westmoreland County,' Christopher and George. Roger proved the will, 1785, June 13, St. Stephens' Parish, Northumberland County, Va.

VI. ROGER DAMERON, whose mother, Elizabeth, left her side saddle to him,1792. Roger's wife was the daughter of Dr. Jones. One of his children was Charles Dameron, who d. 1848, whose descendants still live in Northumberland County in Kinsale, Kilmarnock etc. Another son was William b. 1777, Richmond County, Va.

VII. WILLIAM DAMERON. "William, son of Roger Dameron b. 17 Aug. 1777," is shown in the North Farnham Parish Register, Richmond County, Va. Merle D. Swift wrote: "My grandfather Joseph Dameron was born in 1824. He was the son of William Dameron born in 1777 in Richmond County. The following items from the Richmond County, Va. records refer to Roger Dameron and his son William:

Deed Book 18, p. 254, Dec. 21, 1805, rec. Dec. 21, 1805. "Richard Street Martin Sisson and Saml Cralle with others appointed by the court of Richmond County by a Decree of sd. Court dated October Court 1805 a suit in Chancery then depending in the sd. Court between James Claughton and Nancy Claughton widow & relict of Richard Claughton dec'd & Phebe Claughton Hiram Claughton William Claughton & Nancy Claughton, by Nancy Claughton first mentioned their Mother & next friend they being infants within the age of 21 years. Complaints, and Eppa Jones & Sarah his wife & Richard Claughton Defts. and when as the sd. Street, Sisson & Cralle three of the Commissioners appointed as aforesaid, in pursuance of the sd. Decree agreeable thereof exposed to sale the two tracts or parcels of land the bill mentioned and hereby referred to on the 13th day of Dec. last and whereas Roger Dameron was the Highest bidder for one of the sd. Tracts 92 acres more or less being land formerly conveyed by Leroy Oldham to Pemberton Claughton, Junr. baring date 11th day Oct. 1757 subject never the less to Widows dower her life in 64 acres more or less in the land above mentioned he having bid therefor the sum of Sixty Pounds. (Signed) RICHARD STREET (SEAL), MARTIN SISSON (SEAL), SAML. CRALLE (SEAL). Wit. THOS. BELL, JUNR., EDWARD D. LEWIS, WILLIAM L. SELF, SAMUEL GILBERT.

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Richmond County, Va. Deed Book 19, p. 40, July 16, 1810, recorded July 16, 1810:

"Roger Dameron & Leanna his wife of the county of Richmond & State of Virginia, convey to Richard Street of aforesd County & State for the sum of 40 lbs. Current money of Virginia all that tract or parcel of land lying in Richmond County that being sd. land sd. Dameron purchased of heirs of Richard Claughton dec'd sold by Commissioners under a Decree of Richmond County Court containing by estimation 92 acres. (Signed) ROGER DAMERON (SEAL), LEANNAH DAMERON (SEAL). Wit. EPPA JONES, WM. DAMERON, JR., JAMES (X) (His Mark) STOTT, THOS. STOTT."

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Richmond County, Va. Deed Book 20, p. 328, Oct. 20, 1818, recorded May 4, 1818:

"Roger Dameron & Leannah Dameron his wife of the County of Northumberland & State of Virginia convey to William Dameron, Jr. of the County of Richmond, parish of North Farnham, for the sum of $150.00 a certain tract & parcel of land lying & being in the County of Richmond, parish of N. Farnham & State of Virginia, containing 60 acres more or less with all houses Bldgs., Orchards, Fences, wood ways & water courses & all things thereunto. (Signed) ROGER DAMERON (SEAL), (no name signed) (Seal.) Wit. WILLIS JONES, RANDAL HEADLEY, LEROY LUTTRELL."

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Richmond County, Va., Deed Book 20, p. 544, Feb. 27, 1819, rec. Aug. 2, 1819:

"William Wroe of St. Stephens' parish, Northumberland County, Virginia, conveys to William Damern, Junr., of Richmond County for the consideration of $35.00 a tract & parcel of land in the County of Richmond & Parish of N. Farnham containing by estimation 8 acres, more or less. (Signed) WM. WROE (SEAL), Wit. WILLIS JONES, RANDAL HEADLEY, THO. BELL."

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Richmond County, Va. Deed Book 21, p. 578, Aug. 5, 1823, rec. Mar. 1, 1824:

"William Dameron & Milly his wife of Richmond County convey to Roger Dameron of sd. Parish & County for the consideration of $200.00 current money a certain piece or tract or parcel of land containing 75 acres more or less together with all houses edifices buildings orchards ways water courses profits commodities hereditaments appurtenances whatsoever (Signed) WILLIAM DAMERON (SEAL), no name signed (SEAL) Wit. WILLIAM FORESTER, SAMUEL MISKEL, W. GLASCOCK.

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Richmond County, Va. Deed Book 21, p. 721, Sept. 1, 1824, rec. Dec. 6, 1824:

"Roger Dameron, William Dameron & Milly wife of sd. William of the county of Richmond convey to Thomas A. Richardson of the aforesd County for the consideration of $65.00 one certain piece tract & parcel of land containing by estimation 30 acres more or less. (Signed) ROGER DAMERON (SEAL), WM. DAMERON (SEAL), no name signed (SEAL). Wit. THOS. C. SELF, SAMUEL WINSTEAD, LEROY LUTTRELL, WILLIAM X EFFORD (HIS MARK), RICHARD STREET, as to Wm."

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The above research was done by Jennie Harding Cornelius, genealogist, of Heathsville, Va. as well as the following on this Dameron family.

Roger Dameron is listed in the 1790 census and also William, Joseph, etc.

The Northumberland County, Va. Marriages show a bond as of 1841: "Joseph Dameron m. Sarah Hammock, ward of Geo. Hayden, 8/10/1841." His second wife was Alice I. Edwards, as shown p. 12, Northumberland County Marriage Register, 1853-1917: "Dameron, Joseph, widower, age 46, and Alice I. Edwards, age 22, Dec. 20, 1864, parents William Dameron & Milly Jones, Richard Edwards & Eliza A. Webb."

THE JOSEPH DAMERON FAMILY OF MILA, VIRGINIA.

VIII. JOSEPH DAMERON, son of William and grandson of Roger Dameron, had the following children by his first wife, Sarah Hammack, whom he married 1841. Sarah F. Dameron died Sept. 3, 1862, her parents listed as Chas. & Alice Hammack.

1. Alice J. Dameron, age 23, andWm. S. Obeir, age 23, May 18, 1865, parents Joseph Dameron and Sarah Hammack, Griffin H. Obeir and Elizabeth Hall. (Northumberland County, Va. Marriage Register, 1853-1917,) p. 13.

2. Loticia Ann (Lutishia), age 22, and Frederick Tyson (assent D mark), age 30, Dec. 22, 1872, parents, Jos. Dameron & Sarah Hammack, R. H. Tyson & C.E. Hall. (Ibid. p. 21.)

3. Barzella James born 1846. (Note: His son Thomas H. age 33, and Sarah E. Anderson, age 34, had license Dec. 14, 1904, parents Edwin Anderson, Sarah Daniel.)

4. Sarah Frances born 1847.

5. Mary Frances Dameron age 22, Accomack Co. and Henry Taylor, age 31, March 7, 1872,parents Jos. Dameron & Sarah A. Hammack, Thos. Taylor & Susan Lewis. (p. 21.)

6. Andrew J. Dameron (Andrew Franklin Jackson Dameron), age 23, and Elizabeth H. Richardson, age 22, Apr. 20, 1881, parents Jos. Dameron & Sarah Hammack, Thos. A. Richardson & Elizabeth Wilkins.

7. Charles Steptoe Blackwell Dameron b. 1858. P. 32, Northumberland County Marriage Register, 1853-1917, shows: "Dameron, Chas. S., age 21, and Mary A. Anderson, age 16, Jan. 10, 1880, parents Jos. Dameron and Sarah Hammack, Edward Anderson and Sarah A. Daniel." The record of Otelia Dameron Whittaker and Merle Dameron Swift says: "Charles Steptoe Blackwell Dameron m. Mary Adeline Anderson March 10, 1880. Their children are Charles Edward Dameron b. 1880, Joseph James Dameron b. 1883, Wilmore Mastin Dameron b. 1887, Perry Alpheus Dameron b. 1889, John Wesley Dameron b. 1891, Marvin Andrew Dameron b. 1895, Margie Etta Dameron b. 1899 d. 1900, Carlton Sherwood Dameron b. 1901, Merle Ann Dameron b. 1903, and Howard Lyndon Dameron b. 1904.

(1) "Charles Edward Dameron m. Estelle Davenport and their children are Edward Earl Dameron b. 1910, Charles Horace Dameron b. 1912, Ernest Davenport b. 1915, and Lois Adeline Dameron b. 1928. Charles Horace Dameron m. Faithe Whittaker and their children are Madeline Estelle Dameron b. 1939 and John Edward Dameron b. 1942. Ernest Davenport Dameron m. Goldie _____ and their son is Ernest Cranston Dameron b. 1947. Lois Adeline Dameron m. Gordon Whaley and their daughter is Sylvia Estelle Whaley b. 1950.

(2) "Joseph James Dameron m. Daisy Oma Edwards in 1908. Their children are Monnie Otelia Dameron b. 1909, Leslie Edwards Dameron b. 1912, and Cleveland James Dameron b. 1914. Monnie Otelia m. Earl Daniel Whittaker and their children are Carolyn Lynette Whittaker b. 1940 and Earl Daniel Whittaker, Jr. b. 1941. Leslie Edwards Dameron m. Mary Ann Hatton and their children are James Leslie Dameron b. 1946, Marion Lee Dameron b. 1947, Cecil Ellsworth Dameron b. 1950, and Bonnie Sue Dameron b. 1952.

(3) "Wilmore Mastin Dameron m. Willie May Edwards in 1906 and their children are Margie Virginia Dameron b. 1908, Wilmore Mastin Dameron, Jr., b. 1910, and Clarence Colyn Dameron b. 1911. Margie Virginia Dameron m. Fred T. Pitman and their children are Frederick Clreese Pitman b. 1936, May Larelle Pitman b. 1939, and Rosie Demeris Pitman b. 1945. Wilmore Mastin Dameron, Jr. m. Hazel Jones and their sons are: Wilmore Mastin Dameron, III, b. 1939, James Asbury Dameron b. 1942, and John Charles Dameron b. 1943. Clarence Colyn Dameron m. Evelyn Groff.

(4)"Perry Alpheus Dameron m. Bessie Evelyn Kent and their daughter is Evelyn Dameron b. 1912. She m. John Thomas Swift.

(5) "John Wesley Dameron m. Ellie Pauline West and their children are Charles Wesley Dameron b. 1920, Marion Lucille Dameron b. 1924, and Clifford Owen Dameron b. 1928. Charles Wesley Dameron m. Leah Headley and their children are Charles Wesley Dameron, Jr. b. 1939, and Carl Dale Dameron b. 1951. Marion Lucille Dameron m. Thurman Jefferson and their sons are William Thurman Jefferson b. 1947 and Wayne Dameron Jefferson b. 1950. Clifford Owen Dameron m. Beulah Davis and their daughter is Pauline Marie Dameron b. 1950.

(6)"Marvin Andrew Dameron m. Nannie Mae Delano in 1918 and their children are Marvin Everett Dameron b. 1920 and Dorothy Mae Dameron b. 1926. Marvin Everett Dameron m. Ruth Tomlinson and their son is Marvin Everett Dameron, Jr. b. 1948. Dorothy Mae Dameron m. Sydnor Kilduff and their daughters are Glenna Faye Kilduff b. 1947 and Dorothy Ellen Kilduff b. 1952.

(6)"Carlton Sherwood Dameron m. Mary Blanche White and their son is Carlton Sherwood Dameron, Jr. b. 1923. He m. Loraine Coppedge and their son is Glen Wayne Dameron b. 1950.

(7) Merle Ann Dameron m. Frederick Alonzo Jones in 1927 and their daughter is Janis Marie Jones b. 1935. She m. second husband, William Augustus Swift in 1938, and their daughters are Mary Elizabeth Swife b. 1940 and Mildred Irene Swift b. 1941.

8. Ferdinand Jefferson Dameron was born March 5, 1860, "Parents Joseph Dameron and Sarah Dameron, information given by Jos. Dameron," according to the Northumberland County Birth Register, 1854-1917, p. 21.

9. Josephine K. Dameron b. 1862, daughter of Joseph Dameron and Sarah Hammack. She was b. Apr. 26, 1862, see p. 27, information given by ____ Dameron, brother.

"Joseph Dameron b.1824, the son of William Dameron and Milly Jones, m. Sarah Ann Hammock in 1841. Joseph Dameron m. second wife, Alice Edwards, in 1864. His children by Alice Edwards were Benjamin Wilmore Dameron b. 1865 and Drucilla Adolphus Dameron b. 1869.

10. "Benjamin Wilmore Dameron m. Ida Edwards Hudnall and their son is Benjamin Randolph Dameron b. 1894, who m. Iris Brooks and their children are Virginia Morgan Dameron b. 1936, Betty Randolph Dameron b. 1937, and Robert Charles Dameron b. 1940. His birth is recorded p. 32, Oct. 9, 1865, "parents Joseph Dameron and Allice Dameron, information by Jos. Dameron, father." His marriage is listed p. 62, as Lancaster Co. age 28, and Mary Ida Hudnall, wid. as age 33, her parents being Jos. H. Edwards and Mary Ann Rice.

11. "Drucilla Adolphus Dameron b. 1869, m. John Wesley Anderson in 1894, and their children are Myrtle Virginia Anderson b. 1895, Herman De Shields Anderson b. 1897, Hiram Opie Anderson b. 1900 and Sarah Inez Anderson b. 1903." The marriage is recorded p. 63, Northumberland County, May 8, 1894, parents Jos. Dameron and Alice Edwards, Edwin Anderson and Sarah Daniel.

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BARZELLA JAMES DAMERON AND ISABELLE EDWARDS

Barzella James Dameron b. 1846, son of Joseph Dameron and Alice Edwards, "m. Isabelle Edwards in 1867; children were Barzella Joseph Dameron b. 1869, Thomas Henry Dameron b. 1871, Sarah Ann Dameron b. 1873, Addie J. Dameron b. 1875, Richard C. Dameron b. 1877. (P. 61 lists birth of Adeline Dameron Nov. 5, 1874, parents B. J. & Isabella Dameron; p. 69 lists Adeline b. Oct. 10,1876.

"Barzella Joseph Dameron m. Elizabeth Edwards. Their children are Flossie Dameron and Sewell Dameron. Thomas Henry Dameron m. Elizabeth Anderson and their daughter is Elsie Dameron. Addie J. Dameron m. Frank Fisher and their children are Olive Fisher, Madge Fisher and Vernon Fisher. (Adeline James Dameron, age 24, m. Feb. 3, 1903, Franklin Fisher, age 27, his parents John F. Fisher and Oise Murray. Joseph age 23 was m. Oct. 12, 1892 to Elizabeth, parents Jos. Edwards, Mary A. Rice.

The above genealogy was compiled by Otelia Dameron Whittaker and Merle Dameron Swift, Fairport, Va. from the following sources. They concluded their paper with: "The Damerons of Mila are true to the traditions of their forefathers in that they are active in community and Church work. Many of the men have been and are members of the Masonic Lodge. The men of the family as a whole follow the water as an occupation and are either licensed pilots or engineers. There have been several teachers in the family, a nurse and several who have chosen the business world.

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North Farnham Parish Register, 1672-1800, Clerk's Office of Richmond County."

"We believe the Damerons of Mila descended from Lawrence Dameron through William Dameron of St. Stephens Parish. Records prove William b. 1777 was son of Roger Dameron."

1. THE FAMILY OF CHARLES DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

After a good deal of effort, Julia Dameron Old finally proved that the ancestor of Charles Dameron was Lawrence, the son of Bartholomew, as follows:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who is first found in Northumberland County, Va. in 1652, with his wife Dorothy. Their children were Bartholomew, eldest, George, Thomas, Lawrence, Jr., and Dorothy, who married, first Josias Gaskins, and second, Samuel Mahan, and Samuel.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, 1645-1708, m. Elizabeth, possibly Garlington, whose inventory was recorded 1728-9. He inherited "one-halfe of five hundred acres of land situated in great Wicocomoco which I bought of Mr. Peter Knight," but this did not include the old mansion house which went to George with the other half.

III. LAWRENCE DAMERON. His father's will said: "I give unto my son Laurence One Cow & calf besides what I have already given him * * * * carryed to his Plartation. Lawrence lived in St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland, near Kinsale, apparently on the original land grant to Lawrence[1] of 1652. We find also in the will of Bartholomew 1708 that he gave his son Josiah "the Remainder part of my land in Mattapony (Vitz.) from his Brother Laurence up the Neck to the Extent there of to him & his heirs forever and to have priviledge for pasture with his brother for seven years." Fleet's Northumbria Collectanea says Lawrence Dameron has "Land adj. Jno. Claughton in Mattapony Neck, St. Stephens Parish, 18 Jan. 1707-8; 17.89."

IV. WILLIAM DAMERON, Will signed Mar. 23, 1768, left his estate to his wife, Sarah, as executrix, and the children were not named. It was presented in court June 14, 1773, by Susannah Dameron, with George Ball as witness and oath of David Ball. This indicates his wife may have been a Ball. His guardian was Christopher.

V. WILLIAM DAMERON. In his Will of Jan. 17, 1785, his wife, Elizabeth,received the plantation and he mentions his grandson Edward Dameron Lewis, sons William, Roger "who lives here," Luke, "gone to Westmoreland County," Christopher and George Roger proved the will June 13, 1785, St. Stephens' Parish.

VI. ROGER DAMERON, son of William and Elizabeth, Will, 1785. In her will, his mother, Elizabeth Dameron, said, Sept. 30, 1792: "Item I give and bequeath to my son Roger Dameron my side saddle."

VI. CHARLES DAMERON, son of Roger and his wife, the daughter of Dr. Jones. The following items have been found relating to Charles Dameron in Northumberland County records:

In 1805 Charles Dameron witnessed the will of Bartholomew. This was the ancestor of the Damerons of Bourbon County, Ky., a descendant being Louise Dameron.

Marriage Licence Bonds of Northumberland Co., Va. 1783-1850:

Charles Dameron (widower) and Jane Keene b. April 19, 1791, Apr. 17, 1822. This was the wife of Charles Dameron, son of Roger.

Charley Dameron and Ann Pope 3 May, 1819, Kenneth W. Crolle, Security. This was the first wife of Charles Dameron, who later married Jane Keene.

Charles Dameron and Betsey Taylor, dau. of Thomas, Feb. 26, 1803, Thomas Ingram, security. Charles Dameron and Sally Webb, dau. of Thomas, 10 Sept. 1810, Thaddeus Carter, security.

1. THE FAMILY OF CHARLES LAWSON OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

After a good deal of effort, Miss [illegible] the family genealogy [illegible] ancestor of Charles Lawson [illegible] Lawrence, [illegible] as follows:

I. LAWRENCE LAWSON, who is first found in Northumberland County, Va. in [illegible] with his wife Dorothy. Their children were [illegible], Lawrence, Jr., and [illegible], who married [illegible] Dennis and Samuel.

II. BARTHOLOMEW LAWSON, [illegible]. Lawrence was [illegible] land situated in [illegible] did not include the [illegible].

III. LAWRENCE LAWSON. [illegible]

IV. WILLIAM LAWSON, [illegible] June 11, 1771, [illegible].

V. WILLIAM LAWSON, [illegible].

VI. JOHN LAWSON, son of William [illegible].

VII. [illegible] LAWSON, son of [illegible]. The following items [illegible] relating to Charles Lawson [illegible] Northumberland County records:

In [illegible] Charles Lawson witnessed the will of [illegible] ancestor of the [illegible] Charles Lawson.

Marriage License Bonds of Northumberland Co., Va. [illegible]:

Charles Lawson [illegible]. This was the wife of Charles Lawson, [illegible].

Charles Lawson [illegible]. This was the first wife of Charles Lawson, [illegible].

Charles Lawson and [illegible].

The finding of another son of Lawrence, the immigrant, named Samuel, brings up the possibility that he was the father of Onesipherous and that his wife was a Harvey, of the Onesipherous Harvey line. The fact that he names a son Maurice made me think there was some connection with the Maurice Jones line. Maurice Jones is referred to in Christopher Garlington's will of 1709 as "brother Maurice Jones" hence must have been married to his sister.

In the will of Thomas Heath, June 6, 1726, rec. July 20, 1726 (Northumberland County, Va. Book 1726-29, p. 13.) there are mentioned his daughters Betty and Mary Heath, wife Winnifred Heath, executors, wife Winnifred Heath, brother Samuel Heath, brother-in-law Maurice Jones. Wit. Bartho. Schriver (cannotread this name), Samuel Garlington.

Mrs. Cornelius also found the will of Maurice Jones, Jan. 2, 1726, Rec. May 17, 1727 (Northumberland County, Va., Book 1726-29, p. 38): "To Capt. William Heath all my land, if he die without Issue to Capt. John Heath. To Cosens Wm. Heath my negro James; rest of my estate to be divided among my cosens (nieces and nephews) John Heath, Eliza Heath, and Mary Heath. Wit. Roger Winter, Wm. (M) Porter (his mark.)

Mrs. Cornelius at the same time looked up a deed which may indicate when William Dameron moved to St. Stephens' parish. It is in Northumberland County, Va. Book 4, p. 209, Feb. 23, 1758: "William Mahanes and wife Elizabeth convey to William Dameron 50 acres for the sum of 59 pounds Currt. Money of Virginia. Scituate lying and being in St. Stephens Parish of Northumberland County on a branchrunning into Matoponie (Matopony) River which was purchased from Travis Downman and Grace his wife, deed dated Sept. 10, 1757, which land Travis Downman purchased from John Harford and Eliza. his wife deed dated Dec. 7;, 1751; John Harford purchased of Thos. Ginn, the younger, deed dated Aug. 6, 1751. William Mahanes (S), Eliza. Mahanes (S), Wit. William Bailey, Robert Clark."

We find no reason to think that Onesipherous and William were brothers.

The ancestry of Onesipherous if descended from Samuel would then be:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON and wife Dorothy, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia. (Maxim Coppage has a theory that Dorothy was related to Dorothy Nicholls Downman and John Nichols of Corotoman (see p. 51-G. There was a Hancock Nicles or Nickless and a John is several of the Damron early wills, and it is not unlikely there was some connection. Mrs. Frank Byram of the Institute of American Genealogy in Chicago, of which I am a member, could find no relation of Dorothy to the Byrams in her genealogy, though she had one Dorothy in it.)

II. SAMUEL, a lost son found by Louise H. Dameron in the Calendar of Virginia State Papers I, p. 14, "On April 14, 1683, a petition was presented from Peter Knight, John Waddy, John Taylor and Christopher Garlington, Vestrymen; and SAMUEL, George and Bartholomew Dameron, Church Wardens, to Lord Culpeper, requesting him to re-instate Mr. Charles Dacres, the rector of Yecomico Church." (See page 12-Supplement.) Samuel's wife may have been a daughter of Onesipherous Harvey to account for using this given name.

III. ONESIPHOROUS DAMERON, Will 1762, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va. married possibly a daughter of Maurice Jones, as a son was named Maurice, but no proof has been found of this.

Marriage Licenses and Bonds of Lancaster County, Virginia (sent by Annabel Walker):

William Dameron md. Judith Gaskins 31 Jan. 1834.
Dennis Dameron and Elizabeth Haydon 9 Dec. 1816.
George W. Dameron md. Ann H. Steel, 20 Feb. 1802.
Holland Dameron md. Betsey Williams 30 Apr. 1800.
John Dameron of Northumberland Co. md. Elizabeth Taylor, 12 Sept. 1728.
John Dameron md. Molly Brown, dau. of Elenor Brown, 25 Sept. 1794.
Samuel Dameron md. Lucy Potts, 17 July, 1798.
Thomas Dameron md. Sally Brown 26 Apr. 1794.
Thomas Dameron md. Sally W. Roberts, dau. of John Roberts 16 Jan. 1799.
Elizabeth Dameron, dau. of Aaron Dameron and Thomas Cornelius, 26 May, 1790.
Sarah Dameron, Widow, md. Nicholas Curtis, 10 Oct. 1792.
Barbary Dameron, widow, md. Joshua Spilman, widower, 6 Feb. 1794.
Elizabeth Dameron md. James Hammond 7 June, 1814.
Elizabeth L. Dameron md. James Brent 2 July 1819.
Ellen Dameron md. Samuel Wall, 20 Jan. 1814.
Judith Barret Dameron md. Lindsey Pullen, 15 Jan. 1801.
Mary Ann Dameron md. Isaac Brent, 8 March, 1819.
Mary Dameron md. James W. Treakle, 15 July, 1848.
Margaret L. Dameron, dau. of Thomas Dameron md. John Bryan, 7 Jan. ____

Lancaster County, Va. Deed Index:

May 17, 1765. Bartholomew Dameron from Martha Miller deed record 18 Bk. 55.
June 2, 1765. Bartholomew Dameron to Condiff, deed book 18, p. 132.
Apr. 30, 1780. Bartholomew Dameron to Condiff, deed book 19, p. 235.
May, 1780. " " from Richard Mitchell, Jr. deed book 19, p. 236.
Oct. 16, 1797. " " to Wm. Beckstrand, Book 23, p. 142.
1882 Charlotte Dameron from Garner, Book 45, p. 68.
(Other Damerons are still here in 1889 to 1892.)

Northumberland County, Va. Records, 1652 to 1658: (Note: The condition of these three books would break your heart. Time and the elements had done plenty of damage to the poor grade of ink and paper and there was a good deal of water damage. Some pages of the first book were about three-fourths gone--just fragments. Others were all there, but so smeared and dim that I could just make out fragments, as follows:

Transaction between Lawrence Dameron and a Mr. Knight in 1655. Evidently Lawrence bought land from Knight.

Lawrence Dameron made his "truly and well beloved friend," Henry Hurst, his lawfull attny. to represent him in giving an account of the estate of Jno. Foster, dec'd. He signed his name "Lau Dameron." 17 May, 1656.

Lawrence Dameron gives his power of attny. to Richard _____ 23 May, 1657.

Thomas Mayor deed to George Dameron 1711, both of Wico Parish.

Names of Christopher Dameron and Thomas in 1737 and 1740 unreadable items.

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Keach Genealogy: I. Lawrence. II. George. III. Thomas, Sr., great-grandfather. IV. Margaret Sarah Dameron 1799-1839 m. 1831 Laurence Keach, 1794-1841, children O. A. Keach, Wichita, Kansas. (See records of Colonial Dames.)

Julia Old made a trip to Richmond, Va. and found the following in the State Library, in the Northumberland County Court Orders, 1743-49:

Page 9, Thomas Dameron deposition betw. Haynie and Moorehead.

Page 25, Sarah Dameron, order to attend.

Page 36, Dameron, Moses, ord.

Page 40, Dameron, Moses, ord.

Page 51, Dameron, J. appr. Est.

Page 85, Dameron, Moses, ex. for Felony.
" " " " bound to place.

Page 296, Dameron and Hughlett, judgment.

Page 141, Dameron to William, probate of deed.

Page 147, Dameron, Sarah, order to attend.

Page 161, Dameron, Barth. order for his wife's est.

Page 202, Dameron vs. Williams, caveat.

Page (?) Dameron vs. Sullivan, dismissed.

Page 5, Dameron vs. Clarke, dismissed.

Page 51, Order to appraise est. of John Dameron.

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Further notes were sent by Louise H. Dameron from Northumberland County, Va. records, William and Mary, V. 24, 110-111-112 is the reference noted:

"March 17, 1726. Capt. Geo. Ball and Samuel Heath presented the affidavit of Mr. (Wm.?) Dameron, Thomas Dameron, Mrs. Dorothy Mahen and Samuel Mahen. Those affidavits were for the purpose of establishing the fact that John Bashford was the son of Simon Bashford and his wife, Grace, as he had fallen heir to an estate in England. This marriage had been celebrated at the home of Mr. George Dameron according to the testimony of Thomas Dameron, son to George, and Mrs. Dorothy Mahen, aunt to Thomas. There was some relationship between Capt. John Heath and George Dameron that the writer of these notes has not been able to determine. The mother of George Dameron was the widow of Capt. Heath's uncle William Heath who died 1719. It will be remembered that Ann, relict of William Heath, was granted administration of her husband's estate in 1719. She married 1729 Thomas Dameron. Their son George Dameron was sued by John Heath on July 10, 1764. For several years George Dameron seems to have been financial backer of John Heath.

"Mar. 14, 1768. Thomas Newton and son brought suit against John Heath, George Dameron admitted special bail. May 8, 1769. John Bland, mcht. vs. John Heath, on a bond for Richard Pope (he was step-brother to Geo. Dameron). Mar. 14, 1774. Thos. Gaskins & Kendall Lee vs. Geo. Dameron, John Lawson, Thos. Waddy & John Heath. July 13, 1778. Nicholas Floods executors vs. John Heath, Geo. Dameron, Thomas Waddy and John Hughlett. Aug. 13, 1770. James Gregorie vs. John Heath & Traverse Downman, Geo. Dameron, special bail for the defendants. June 10, 1771. Bacon & Co. vs. John Heath & Traverse Downman, Geo. Dameron special bail for said Heath."

I sent copies of THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY and THE CHRISTOPHER FOSTER FAMILY HISTORY 1603-1953 (the genealogy of this family, my ancestors, which came over with the Puritan migration to Massachusetts Bay in 1635 on the "Abigail" and were among the first English settlers in what is now New York State--Long Island--but was until the end of the 17th century under Connecticut) to the Institute of American Genealogy, 407 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill. and they made me a member of the Institute and listed the books and my name in "Who's Who in Genealogy, The Handbook of American Genealogy." I received a letter from the Director, Mrs. Frank F. Byram (whose husband's family were of the Northern Neck in Virginia), 24 June, 1953, saying: "We are extremely grateful to have your compilations. We are now preparing to put them in binders (and have the pleasure of reading them as we do), and we can certainly say right off that we are pleasantly impressed with the immediately visible evidences of thorough and meticulous research work and of the clear, concise and well-organized presentation of the results of that vast amount of genealogical work... I am looking forward to mounting your Dameron manuscript since I see Northumberland County, Va. coming up, and I have spent many hours with those original records myself--my husband's Byrams originated in Northumberland. Wish I could offer you a Dorothy Byram as wife to Lawrence Dameron, and I do have a Dorothy, too, but, sad, to say, she seems to have been unmarried in 1668. She is simply Dorothy, one of Abraham Byram's four children in his will of that date. Abraham seems to have married a widow by name of Dorothy Clay, hence the daughter Dorothy's name. Often a relative was named an overseer of a will, but I have found justabout as often the overseers to be merely friends and/or neighbors. Anyway, Abraham Byram must have been a trustworthy soul because he was executor and administrator on a number of wills, and was handed power of attorney every whip-stitch. My Byram Northumberland stuff doesn't seem to include any Damerons or Nicholls by any spelling.... I really envy you and your fine work, put into such excellent shape, since I've never been able to copy with the time and energy involved to completely correlate and type my own rather sizable accumulation of family records. Thanks again, on behalf of the Institute, for the Foster and additional Dameron pages."

The Christopher Foster Family History Volume I is over 300 pages and Volume II will be a good deal longer than that, in addition to which there is a Volume III, if it is ever multilithed or mimeographed. It includes many collateral families.

I also sent a copy of THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., to the Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va., and to the Northern Neck Historical Society, Mrs. Henry Mason, Librarian, Montross, Va. at "Airley," and joined this Society which costs $3 membership. She wrote: "We are glad to welcome you into our Society and we hope you will be able to come to our annual meeting which takes place at Montross this fall. Hoping to meet you in the near future." The Headquarters is Montross, Va., President, Sen. R. O. Norris, Jr. Lively, Va., Recording Secretary, Mrs. Thomas L. Hunter, King George, Va., Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lucy Brown Beale, Hague, Va., Treasurer, W. Tayloe Murphy, Warsaw, Va.

This manuscript was stencilled as I wrote it originally, and copies were sent out to the researchers as soon as material was received, which accounts for the additions to the manuscript from time to time etc., but in this way the manuscript was available to work with by quite a number of people--this first edition of 20 copies was intended for research workers. I also sent a copy to Elizabeth Damron Young, Thatcher, Arizona, who wrote: "I thank you immensely. A cousin here is helping me to get my history and genealogy up to date and in good permanent shape, so I appreciate what you sent to me for it came in just at the right time and is so good. I feel that my guardian angel sent you to me at this time. The Damron Reunion will be in Calif. in August. Hope you can be there."

THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY,
Compiled by Helen F. Snow,
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Madison,Conn.

THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM DAMERON

AND HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH WILLIAMS

OF

ST. STEPHENS' PARISH,

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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Research by James F. Lewis,

Marcus Hook, Pa.

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William Dameron lived in the section of Northumberland County, Virginia, between the present Henderson Methodist Church and Village. This area is near the county line of Richmond and Westmoreland Counties, Va. His children were: Roger, daughter who married George Lewis, Elizabeth, William, Luke, George d. 1809, and Christopher.

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THE DECENDANTS OF WILLIAM DAMERON, WILL 1785

I. LAWRENCE DEMERON, who had land in Northumberland Co., Va. 1652, wife Dorothy.
II. BARTHOLOMEW, eldest son, will 1708. His wife was Elizabeth.
III. LAWRENCE, given land in Mattapony, St. Stephens' Parish near Kinsale by Bartholomew. With his brother Josiah he shared the pasture for seven years (p. 62).
IV. WILLIAM DAMERON, will signed Mar. 23, 1768, left his estate to wife Sarah, children not named. It was presented 1773 by Susannah Dameron, with George Ball as witness and on oath of David Ball (the wife may have been a Ball.)
V. WILLIAM, will signed Jan. 17, 1785, left the plantation to his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Roger Williams of Richmond Co., whose will was probated 1797, according to James F. Lewis, 3 Spruce St., Marcus Hook, Pa. who sent the following data. William's will was proved by Roger Dameron 1785 in St. Stephens' Parish. Children:

VI.1.WILLIAM DAMERON, WILL 1821, OF St. Stephens' Parish, wife Nancy , issue:
(1) Luke W. m.1816 Polly Dameron, dau. of Christopher. Luke Dameron received a pension for the War of 1812 (Catalogue PR 381, MR 127.)
(2) William m. Aug. 15, 1818, Lucinda Sandy, half-sister of William B. Lewis, who was security, dau. of Thomas Sandy. 2d wife was Harriet Lewis.
(3) John C. m. Susanna Winstead, dau. of Daniel, 23 Sept. 1813, St. Mary County, Maryland, Marriage Bonds (this county is across the Potomac River from Northumberland Co., Va. Northumberland Co., Va. Record Book 32, pp. 444 etc. has the case of William C. Winstead vs. Robert, John, Daniel, Ann Dameron, William, Samuel, Susan, Sally, Mary, John, Louisa, James Winstead, for division of the estate of Alice Elmore Oct. 12, 1842:

William C. Winstead	$30.79	5/8	John C. Dameron, guardian
Robert Dameron	7.69	29/32	"
John "	7.69	"	"
Daniel "	7.69	"	"
Ann "	7.69	"	"
Samuel Winstead	15.39	13/24	Septine Winstead, guardian
Susan "	"	"	"
William "	10.26		"
Sally "	10.26	"	"
Mary "	"	"	"
John Winstead	41.06	1/4	
Louisa "	"	"	
James "	"	"	

(4) Frances or Fanny m. Richardson and had ch. Eliza and Mary.
(5) Nancy m. 1812 William Brandy Lewis, half-brother of Lucinda Sandy who m. William. She was m. 12-29-1812.
(6) Molly m. 1809 Edward G. Richardson, (G. is for Garner), Dec. 20.
(7) Bartholomew m. 8/9/1830, Lucy Dameron, dau. of Christopher and widow of Christopher D. Lewis, whom she m. Feb. 26, 1825.

2. ROGER DAMERON, son of William, will 1785, m. Leanna Jones 15 Aug. 1775, in Richmond Co., Va. Two sons were Charles and William. A dau. Nancy m. Jan. 23, 1808, Samuel Miskell (consent of Roger Dameron), Clerk's Office, Warsaw, Va. He purchased the land that his brother Luke received in Westmoreland Co. in 1789. Roger Dameron and Leanner his wife were admitted to membership Saturday before the 1st Lord's Day of August, 1807, at the Wicomico Baptist Church (Record Book, Northumberland Co., Va., copy of which is in the Archives Division of the Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va.

3. GEORGE DAMERON, mentioned in his father's will.

4. LUKE DAMERON m. Jemima Hudson, widow of Samuel Harrison, 9 Oct. 1794, H. Toler, minister. He moved to Westmoreland Co.

5. Daughter (name unknown) who m. George Lewis and had a son Edward Dameron Lewis who died 12 June 1845, and m. three times: (1) Annie Barrack (Barrax) 5 Feb. 1800 (bond), by whom he had a son Christopher Dameron Lewis who m. Lucy Dameron 26 Feb. 1825, Walter Self, Sec. (Northumberland Couty Marriage Bonds, by Stratton Nottingham, p. 68, also on file Clerk's Office, Heathsville, Va.); Lucy m. her first cousin, Bartholomew Dameron, 9 Aug. 1830, James W. Beacham (Northumberland County, Va. Marriage Bonds, Stratton Nottingham, p. 25, also on file, Heathsville, Va.) Christopher Dameron Lewis and Lucy had only one child, James C. Lewis, b. 9 Jan. 1827 died 30 July 1877 m. 21 Dec. 1848, Mary S. Harrison (reference, Family Bible, also Death Certificate of James C. Lewis, Heathsville). James F. Lewis of Marcus Hook is great-great grandson of Christopher Dameron Lewis, and wrote: 'My father was born in Northumberland County but shortly after his birth his parents moved to Richmond County near Emmerton...My father knew who his great-grandparents were on both sides but in order to try and find out more I wrote to my grandfather's brother (my grandfather died in 1918) James E. Lewis, a resident of Northumberland Co. He wrote back saying that his grandmother was Lucy Dameron...He also stated that he had heard his grandmother talk of her family many times and that she mentioned an Uncle Roger he never knew...Lucy Dameron Lewis Dameron, widow of Christopher D. Lewis and Bartholomew Dameron lived with her daughter and son-in-law Richard Dawson and Lucy his wife after death of her husband and from what I have heard she used to like to have her grandchildren around her and she would tell them stories of her family. S he had afamily Bible. My father used to visit the Dawson family many times as a youth and he remembers the old Bible...Most of the above people lived in the neighborhood of Henderson Church which is between Callao and Muddy Point...William Dameron and his wife Elizabeth Williams lived in the section of Northumberland County between the present Henderson Methodist Church and Village. This area is near the county line of Richmond and Westmoreland Counties."

Annie Barrack and Edward Dameron Lewis also had a daughter Polly Christopher who m. 29 December 1823 Gerald McKenney, and a son William born 1817, who moved to Washington, D.C. Mildred Dameron McKenny Mar. 7,1870-Jan. 25,1957, is buried in the Gibeon Baptist Church near Village, on Northumberland-Richmond County line.

(2) Edward Dameron Lewis m. second Rebecca Lewis 9 Nov. 1824. (3) He m. third Ann Gill 13 Nov. 1827, who moved to the District of Columbia after her husband's death. Children: Mary A. m. Eli Brown; Elizabeth R. m. John Watson; Christopher C. b. 9 May 1835, named after his elder dec'd brother; Martha J. b. 2 March 1837 m. Francis Truxell; Octavia b. 1 July 1841; Alexander W. b. 10 March 1843.

6. Christopher Dameron m. Gracey Smith Oldham 16 August 1792.

7. Elizabeth Dameron, daughter of above William Dameron Will 1785, known as Betty or Betsy,married Leroy Oldham, Jr. They had no issue, but left property to the children of Christopher Dameron and others (see will). Her will is dated July 5, 1833.

According to James F. Lewis, William Dameron married around 1750 Elizabeth Williams, dau. of Roger Williams of Farnham Parish, Richmond Co., and she was born 13 Feb. 1724/5 in Farnham Parish, Richmond Co., and died in St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland County, her will being written 30 Sept. 1792 and probated 12 June 1797. He wrote that "George died 1809. He may have been the father of the following: Alexander, Christopher Dameron, Sally who m. William S. Burton 23 Feb. 1823, Walter Self, sec. (Northumberland Co., Va. Marriage Bonds, S. Nottingham, p. 14), where her name is given as Sally S. Dameron; and Ann Dameron, who m. William C. Booth 9 Sept. 1835, John D. Way, sec. (Ibid, p. 11, also on file Heathsville, Va.) Alexander Dameron and Elizabeth Elmore were m. 15 Jan. 1827, Sam'l Wilkins (Ibid, p. 25). Estate of Alexander Dameron was settled Feb. 14, 1843, with William P. Booth, administrator, mentioning, Elizabeth Dameron, widow and relict; Elizabeth Dameron, a daughter; Alexander Damerm, a son, Mary A. Dameron, a daughter, Nancy E. Damerrnn, a daughter (Northumberland Co., Va. record book No. 33, pp 102-106. See also estate of Christopher Dameron, divided with Sally Burton, wife of William, etc. Bk.30,p.196.

WILL OF ROGER WILLIAMS

I Roger Williams of Richmond County and Parish of North Farnham being sick and weak but of Good and Sound memory thanks be to almighty God for the same calling to Remembrance the uncertainty of this Transitory world that all flesh must yield to death when it shall Please God to call do make and declare this my Last Will and Testament Revoking and Disannuling all other Wills heretofore by me made and that is to be for my last Will and Testament and None other;

ITEM I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Williams one Shilling Cash Beside what I have given her by a deed of Gift. ITEM, I Give unto my son George Williams one shilling cash beside what I have Given him by a deed of Gift ITEM I Give unto my son Hukey Williams one Shilling Cash ITEM I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Dameron one shilling Item I Give unto my son John William's children each and every of them one shillingCash ITEM I give & bequeath unto my Son Luke Williams all my Land wheresoever lying to him and his heirs forever except thirty acres of my Land that I Purchased of Michael Connel adjoining the land that I Purchased of Owin Brady. I give unto Capt. LeRoy Peachey during my wife's Priscilla's Life at her decease 'tis my will and desire that the said thirty acres of land shall go to my son Luke to him and his heirs forever. ITEM I Give and bequeath unto my son Luke Williams all the Remainder Part of my Estate of what kind soever (Except what I have Already given by a deed of Gift to my children) to him and his heirs forever. LASTLY I do Nominate and appoint my son Luke Williams to be my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the 14th day of January 1767.

ROGER WILLIAMS (SEAL)

Seal'd in Presence of
SAMUEL WILLIAMS
LUKE WILLIAMS
JESSE MORRIS
RICHARD BROWN JUNR.

At a Court held for Richmond County the 2nd day of March 1767 This Will was Presented in Court by Luke Williams Junr. the Sole Executor therein named who made oath thereto according to Law and being proved by the oaths of Samuel Williams, Luke Williams, Jesse Morriss, and Richard Brown Junr. Witnesses thereto was admitted to Record. And on the Motion of the said Executor given Security a Certificate is granted for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Test LEROY PEACHEY D. CLK.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF RICHMOND, To-wit:

I, Gertrude S. Delano, Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Richmond in the Commonwealth of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a TRUE COPY of a WILL as recorded in the Clerk's Office of this Court in WILL BOOK 6, PAGE 13.

Given under my hand and the SEAL of the Court this 14th day of April, 1958.

(Signed) GERTRUDE S. DELANO, Deputy-Clerk
of the Circuit Court of Richmond County.

(SEAL)

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DEED FROM JOHN C. DAMERON AND SUSANNAH, his wife, Luke Dameron and Polly his wife, William Dameron and Lucrenda his wife, William B. Lewis and Nancy his wife, Frances Dameron, Bartholomew Dameron, all of Northumberland County, to PRESLEY HUDSON, dated Dec. 24, 1821 (Record Book 23, p. 61.)

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DEED 1862 is from Lucy Dameron, widow of Bartholomew Sr., her dau. Gracey Lewis, James C. Lewis, son of Lucy and half-bro. of Bartholomew Jr. to Richard Dawson whose wife, Lucy, was dau. of Bartholomew Sr. and Lucy his wife, and sister of Bartholomew

DAMERON-LEWIS DEED TO RICHARD DAWSON, 1862

This Indenture, made and entered into this the Eighteenth day of December Eighteen hundred and Sixty-two, bwtween Lucy Dameron, James C. Lewis and Mary S. his wife, John F. Lewis and Gracy his wife of the County of Northumberland and State of Virginia of the one part, and Richard Dawson of the County & State of the other part: W ithesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of Eight Hundred and Eighteen Dollars and fifty-seven cents, to us in hand paid or secured to be paid by Richard Dawson of the County and State aforesaid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do grant, sell, and convey unto the said Richard Dawson all of our interest in the real estate of Bartholomew Dameron Jr., deceased, consisting of two lots of land containing Forty acres each. One piece lying on the road leading from 'Henderson's Chapel' to 'Bailey's Mill' and adjoining the dower land of Lucy Dameron and others, the other piece lying in 'Monday's Neck' adjoining the lands of John Cookman, James W. Wright and others to have and to hold the same to the saidDawson his heirs and assigns to his and their use forever. Andwe Lucy Dameron, James C. Lewis and John F. Lewis covenant with the said Richard Dawson his heirs and assigns that we are the lawful heirs of the said Bartholomew Dameron, Jr. and that we will warrant and defend the same to the said Dawson his heirs and assigns against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. In testimony whereof we the said Lucy Dameron, James C. Lewis and Mary S. his wife, John G. Lewis and Gracy his wife have hereunto set our hands and seals the dayand year above written.

Signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of C. W. Fallin
Wm. R. Claughton

LUCY DAMERON her x mark (Seal)
JAMES C. LEWIS his x mark (Seal)
MARY S. LEWIS (Seal)
JOHN F. LEWIS his x mark (Seal)
GRACY LEWIS (Seal)

STATE OF VIRGINIA:
COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND to-wit:

We, C.W. Fallin and Wm. R.Claughton Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Mary S. Lewis the wife of James C. Lewis whose names are signed to the writing within bearing date the 18th December 1862 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Mary S. Lewis acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared she had willingly executed the same and does not wishto retract it. Given under our hands this 27th day of January 1863.

C. W. FALLIN, J.P.
WM. R. CLAUGHTON, J.P.

STATE OF VIRBINIA:
COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND to-wit:

We, C.W. Fallin & Wm. R. Claughton Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, docertify that Gracy Lewis the wife of John F. Lewis whose namesare signed to the writing within bearing date 18th of December 1862 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily & apart from her husband and having the writing fully explained to her, she the said Gracy Lewis acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 29th day of January, 1863.

C. W. FALLIN, J.P.
WM. R. CLAUGHTON, J.P.

STATE OF VIRGINIA:
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COURT: February 9, 1863. This Deed from Dameron et al to Dawson was this day proven in open court by the oaths of Chas. W. Fallin & Wm. R. Claughton the subscribing witnesses thereto and with the report of privy examination thereon endorsedwas ordered recorded. Teste M. C. CRALLE cc

Truly recorded M. B. CRALLE cc.

(Deed Book C, p. 367.)

WILL OF LEROY OLDHAM

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Leroy Oldham of Northumberland County and parish of St. Stephens being very sick and low in health but of perfect sences and sound memory thanks be to God for it and calling to mind the mortality of man knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows--first I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came to be buried in a christianlike manner at the descression of my executors hereafter named and as it hath please God that I should be possessed with a portion of this worldly goods I give and bequeath the same as follows. Item It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Betty Oldham have the use of all my estate both real and personal during her natural life andat her Heath it is my will and desire that Leroy Oldham Dameron son of Christopher Dameron and Gracey L. Dameron his wife shall have the plantation I now live on to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to Polly Christopher Dameron daughter of the above Christopher and Gracey one Negro girl Maria to her and her heirs forever Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Oldham Dameron son to said Christopher and Gracey his wife one Negro boy Jerry to him and his heirs forever Item I give and bequeath to Lucy Smith Dameron daughter to said Christopher and Gracey one Negro girl Frank to her and heir heirs forever Item Igive and bequeath to my brothers daughter Nancy Tarpley Oldham two Negroes viz--Jane and Nelly to her and her heirs forever Item I give and bequeath to Lucy Oldham daughter of my brother Thomas Oldham two Negroes viz--Sarah and Isaac Item I give and bequeath to Molly Draper Dameron who now lives with me one Negro girl Ann to her and her heirs forever Item it is ____ will and desire that theincrease of the Negroes above mentioned shall go as said Negroes are devised Item it is my will and desire that all my estate not before given be equally divided between the above mentioned Leroy O. Dameron, Polly C. Dameron, Thomas O. Dameron, Lucy S. Dameron, Nancy T. Oldham and Lucy Oldham and Lastly I nominate my brother Thomas Oldham my trustyfriend Christopher Dameron and Sam'll Cralle Executors to this my last will and testament revoking and denying all other willsby me made In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and four.

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in presence of

LUKE DAMERON
WILLIAM DAMERON
ROGER DAMERON

LEROY his X mark OLDHAM (SEAL)

At a Court of Monthly Session held for Northumberland County at the Courthouse on Monday the 11th of June 1804 This Last Will and testament of Leroy Oldham dec'd was proved by the oaths of Luke Dameron, William Dameron and Roger Dameron the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Samuel Cralle one of the executors in the said will named relinquished his right of executorship thereof and on the motion of Christopher Dameron the other executor therein named a certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form he having taken the oath of an executor and together with William Dameron and Roger Dameron his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of three thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs. Teste

FLEMING BATES, C.N.C.

Truly recorded Teste FLEM. BATES C.N.C.
Recorded in Record Book No. 17 page 169

(SEAL)

A true copy, Teste:

HUNTER D. WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk,
Northumberland County, Va.

WILL OF ELIZABETH OLDHAM

In the Name of God Amen I ELIZABETH OLDHAM of Northumberland County and Parish of St. Stephens being very sick and low in body but in perfect senses and sound memory thanks be to God for it and calling to mind the mortality of man and the certainty of death do make and ordain this Will and Testament.

First I recommend my soul to God and body to the dust from whence it came to be buried in a decent manner at the discreation of my Executors hereafter named as it hath pleased God that I should be possessed with a portion of this worlds goods I give and bequeath the same in manner and form following: Item I give and bequeath to my nieces Elizabeth Jewell and Ann Dawson daughters of Christopher Dawson one bed & furniture each Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Edward D. Lewis the sum of fifty dollars. Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Christopher Dawson the sum of forty dollars. Item I give and bequeath to my niece Polley Barnes my young yoke of oxen for the use of her Daughter Koretta Katharine Barnes Item I give and bequeath to George Burton son of William Burton one cow called Lilly and her calf Item I give and bequeath to my nieces Ann & Hannah Dameron daughters of Luke Dameron twenty dollars to be equally divided Item I give and bequeath to my niece Mary L. Lewis wife of Frederick Lewis all my estate not before mentioned both real and personal also my crop now growing revoking and denying all other wills by me heretofore made lastly I appoint my trusty friends Frederick Lewis and Darius G Cralle my executors in this my last will and testament.

In winess whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 5th day of July 1833

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ELIZABETH x OLDHAM (Seal)
mark

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in presence of
SAMUL CRALIE VALENTINE LEWIS
THOMAS SELF

At a Court of Quarterly Session held for Northumberland County at the courthouse on Mondy the 12th of August 1833, This last will and testament of Elizabeth Oldham dec'd was proved bythe oaths of Thomas Self & Valentine Lewis witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded the Executors therein named relinquished their right of executorship and on the motion of Frederick Lewis a Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration with this will annexed and together with Geo L Beacham & John P Claughton his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of one thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs

Teste M. B. CRALLE C C

A true copy--teste: EMELINE A. HALL, Clerk.
Recorded in Record Book No. 27, page 450.

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ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER DAMERON, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Alexander Dameron was administrator of this estate, which may be that of a son of George Dameron, son of William Will signed 1785. The estate was divided as follows: To William Burton and Sally his wife who was SallyDameron, a sister of the dec'd; to William Booth and Nancy his wife, who was Nancy Dameron , a sister of the dec'd; to James Kenty and Catherine, his wife, who was Catherine Dameron; to Alexander Dameron, the admr. and brother of the dec'd. Each received a share of $3.98 1/4. (Northumberland Co., Va. Record Book 30, p. 196 etc.)

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In Gibeon Baptist Church near Village Northumberland Co., Va. on the Richmond line are on the same headstone: Richard Christopher Dameron July 26, 1844-July 12, 1909 and Otelia Mildred Dameron July 2, 1909-March 25, 1912.

VI. CHRISTOPHER DAMERON (Lawrence[1], Bartholomew[2], Lawrence[3], William, Will 1768[4], William, will signed 1785[5]) married Gracey Smith Oldham 16 August 1792, daughter of Thomas and Ann Oldham. She was b. 10 Dec. 1775, and her father was the younger brother of Leroy Oldham who married Elizabeth Dameron, sister of Christopher. (See Will of Thomas Oldham dated 1824.) The Census for 1810 Northumberland Co., Va. has Christopher Dameron males under 10-2, under 26-45 1; females, under 10-3, 10-16 1, 26-45 1. The 1820 census has Christopher Dameron with males under 10, 1; 16-26 1, 26-45, 1 45 up 1; females under 10, 2; 45 and up 1.

Children:

1. THOMAS OLDHAM was dead by 1850, at which time his land was sold and the money divided among his heirs. He was twice married (1) to Judith Clarke 22 August 1827, Wm. Holliday, sec. (bond, Northumberland Co., Va. compiled by Nottingham, p. 26; (2) he m. second Harriet Clarke 8 Feb. 1837, George Wilkins, sec. (Ibid.) Northumberland Co., Va. Estate Book B, p. 283 has a Decree of the Northumberland Court pronounced 13 May 1850, suit in chancery of Purcell and wife vs. Dameron. This is for a sale at public auction of a tract of land whereon Thomas O. Dameron died whereas Joseph Clarke became the purchaser at the price of $171, of this $30.19 had been received in cash for cost of suit and expense of sale; three bonds at 12 mont covering the balance in equal amounts, one payable to Thomas Hayden who had purchased the interest of Purcell and wife, another to Robert Dameron and the other to Sally Dameron had been taken with good security (bonds worth $46.93 2/3), recorded 14 Oct. 1850. Thomas lived near Village in Northumberland County and had the following children by first wife: (1) Hannah m. Stewart Purcell 2 Jan. 1850 (Minister's Marriage Returns on file in Clerk's Office, Heathsville, Va.) By his second wife, he had (2) Sarah A. Dameron, who m. Robert M. Clark, age 25, single son of Nathaniel Clark & Elizabeth, 2 Nov. 1871. The bride was age 28, single dau. of Thomas Dameron & Harriet Clark. (Northumberland Co., Va. Marriage Book 1854-1917, p. 20.) (3) George H. Dameron b. about 1846, married 23 Feb. 1887 Marganah Headley, age 24, single daughter of Henry Headley and Mary Dawson; the groom was age 41, single son of Thomas Dameron & Harriet Clark. (Ibid. p. 49.)

2. LEROY OLDHAM DAMERON (1798-1852) lived near Village,, m. 15 July 1820, Geo. Wilkins, Sec. Frances Walker, a native of Lancaster County. (Northumberland Co. Marriage Bonds 1783-1850, Nottingham, p. 25.) His will was written 2 Feb. 1852 and probated 13 Sept. 1852. It gave to his son Richard C. Dameron all the tract of land whereon Richard Jewell now lives subject to my widows dower together with fifty dollars; all the rest of my estate both real and personal after my widow receives her dower to my children except my son Richard C. Dameron above named. Thomas S. Lyell, Exec. Witness Charles S. Lawrence, Jeremiah Cookman. (Northumberland Co., Va. Will Book A, p. 39.)

The division of personal property of the heirs of L.O. Dameron 1854: Frances Dameron widow and relict of L.O. Dameron dec'd is intitle to 1/3; Richard Harrison and Rebecca hiswife, a daughter, is intitle to 1/5; Matthew Harrison and Frances his wife, a daughter, is intitle to 1/5; Ann Dameron a daughter is intitle to 1/5; Susan Dameron, a daughter is intitle to 1/5; Thomas Dameron, a son, is intitle to 1/5 (Northu;mberland Co., Va. Estate Book C, p. 501.)

A chancery suit followed: Mathew Harrison and Frances his wife and Rebecca Dameron, compl. vs. Ann, Susan, Thomas Dameron, deft. A. J. Brent appointed guardian to defend the infants Ann, Susan, Thomas interest. Dated 9 Feb. 1854. (Northumberland Co., Va. Estate Book C, p. 337 etc.) A deed dated 17 March 1853, Richard A. Claybrook, comm. and Rebecca B. Dameron, whereas by decree of County Court of Northumberland pronounced 14 Feb. 1853, in suit of M.H. Harrison and others vs. Dameron. There after due notice the Comm. sold tract of land at public auction and the said Rebecca B. Dameron being highest bidder at $291, it being tract of land where Leroy O. Dameron her father lived & the time of his death bounded by main road on one side leading from Union Village to Gibbon Meeting House adjoining the tract left by the said Leroy O. Dameron to his son Richard, the lands of Thomas C. Self, etc. cont. recorded 9 Jan. 1854. (Northumberland Co., Va. Deed Book B, 1852-57, p. 134.)

The children of Leroy Oldham Dameron and Frances Walker were:

(1) Frances Dameron who m. 31 July 1852 Mathew Harrison. (Northumberland Co. Virginia Minister's Returns on file in Heathsville, Va.

(2) Rebecca m. Richard H. Harrison.

(3) Anne Elizabeth b. 1838 m. 1 March 1862 to Dandridge Sydnor age 22, single son of William B. and Ann;Elizabeth then age 24. (Richmond Co., Va. Marriage Book 1853-1906, p. 11.)

(4) Susan. (5) Thomas. (6) Richard Christopher b. July 26, 1844, d. July 12, 1909. He lived near Village, and at age 36, m. Winnie C. Fallin, age 19, single dau. of Richard L. and Martha, Oct. 15, 1889. (Richmond Co., Va. Marriage Book, 1853-1906, p. 74.) Buried in Gibeon Baptist Churchyard near Village. Children: Ruth m. _____ Dixon; Leroy; Richard Walker (Oct. 15, 1897-Feb. 17, 1957), Carlton; Elton R. m. Louise Bryant 29 Apr. 1925; Susie died young.

3. POLLY CHRISTOPHER DAMERON, dau. of Christopher Dameron and Gracey Smith Oldham, m. 21 Aug. 1816, Luke W. Dameron, son of William and Nancy. He was a cousin.

4. LUCY SMITH DAMERON b. about 1805, was twice married, 1st to Christopher D. Lewis 26 Feb. 1825, son of Edward Dameron Lewis, and had one son, James C. b. 9 Jan. 1827; 2d to Bartholomew Dameron 9 Aug. 1830 son of William and Nancy. (See him.)

5. Elizabeth Dameron m. Richard Jewell.

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DEED DATED 18 DEC. 1862 between LUCY DAMERON, JAMES C. LEWIS and MARY S., his wife, John F. Lewis and Gracey his wife to Richard Dawson, all of the county of Northumberland, all their interest in the real estate of Bartholomew Dameron, Jr. dec'd consisting of two lots of land containing 40 acres each, one piece lying on the road leading from Henderson Chapel to Bailey's mill and adjoining the dower land of Lucy Dameron and others, the other piece lying in Monday's Neck adjoining the lands of John Cookman, James W. Wright and others.

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THE FAMILY OF LUKE DAMERON

VI. LUKE DAMERON (Lawrence[1], Bartholomew[2], Lawrence[3], William[4], William[5]) was married by Rev. Henry Toler on 9 Oct. 1794 to Jemima Harrison, wid. of Samuel Harrison, whom she had m. 2 Nov. 1786. (Toler was a Baptist minister.) Jemima Hudson and Samuel Harrison were m. by Rev. Lewis Lunsford. (Northumberland Co., Va. Marriages in Clerk's Fee books.) Luke Dameron's estate was administered by Joseph Ball 13 Sept. 1830 at which time it was stated that he had been dead more than three months. Received land in Westmoreland County by his father's will which he sold to his brother Roger 30 May 1789 and Roger sold the land he had received from his father's will in Northumberland County to his brother Luke. Luke and Jemima had the following children:

1. Polly m. George Jackson 24 Feb. 1830, James W. Beacham, sec. (Northumberland Co. Marriage Bonds, Nottingham, p. 59.)

2. Elizabeth Dameron m. 23 Oct. 1822, Matthew Harrison, sec. to Thomas P. Lewis. (Marriage Bonds of Richmond Co., Va. on file, Clerk's Office, Warsaw, Va.) Elizabeth was b. Oct. 24, 1796, d. Apr. 22, 1894. Thomas Parker Lewis was b. June 18, 1791, d. May 1, 1885. Both are buried in Gibeon Baptist Churchyard near Village.

3. Ann Dameron m. Jeremiah Fallin 27 Jan. 1834, Thomas P. Lewis, sec. (Marriage Bonds on file, Warsaw, Va.)

4. Hannah m. 2 Jan. 1839, Elias S. Burton, Sec. to John Balderson. (Richmond Co., Va. Marriage Bonds on file in Clerk's Office, Warsaw, Va.)

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Luke Dameron exempted fom paying levies on his person in future, he being aged and infirm, 13 June 1825. (Northumberland Co., Va. Order Book 1825-30, p. 17.)

Property of Luke and William Dameron destroyed by the enemy July 10,1815 (Northumberland Co., Order Book 1811-15, p. 347.)

THE WILLIAM DAMERON FAMILY

VI.WILLIAM DAMERON (Lawrence[1], Bartholomew[2], Lawrence[3], William[4], William[5]), will dated 10 May 1821, probated 9 July 1821, m. Nancy _____. He owned over 400 acres of land in the upper end of Northumberland County, most of which he gave to his sons before his death and the rest he disposed of in his will. One tract near Mundy Point he left to his wife for her lifetime, then it was to go to his son Bartholomew. Children:

1. John Corbin Dameron b. Feb. 5, 1784, Northumberland Co. and d. about 1850 in Richmond County. He received land in his father's will and also purchased several tracts in Northumberland Co. where he lived several years before moving to Richmond Co. about1836. He was twice married (1st) to Susanna Winstead, dau. of Daniel, and 2d. to Hester Shelly 7 Apr. 1837 in Richmond Co. Children by first wife were:

(1) Robert H. b. 1816 d. Dec. 4, 1871 in Westmoreland Co., Va. m. three times and had children by first and second wives. His first was Lucy _____ and second Sarah Howson whom he m. 29 Jan. 1862 in Westmoreland Co., Va. His third wife was Martha _____. Children by first wife: 1st, James b. 1838; 2d Francis b. 1840; 3d Luke b. 1841; 4th Robert H. b. 1845 m. 1867 to Catherine Ann Gregory, a widow; 5th George b. 1847; 6th Dandridge b. 1851 who was dead before 26 Dec. 1876, at which time his widow married his cousin John Dameron. He was married 15 Jan. 1785 to Sarah Frances Douglass; 7th Lucy b. 1854, d. 1872. Children by his second wife were: 8th Susan b. 1863; Henry b. 1865 m. Cora Crabb; 10th Dolly b. 1866.

(2) Daniel, son of John Corbin Dameron, by first wife; (3) Mary Ann; (4) William C.; (5) John C. b. 1818 m. Lucy Jane Hall 8 Jan. 1842 in Richmond County. Both John and Lucy were dead by 1870. Their children were: 1st. William C. b. 1842; Martha b. 1844 m. 6 June 1867 to John J. Shackleford; 3d Charles b. 1846, d. 1926, m. Calvina Garner b. 1854 d. 1936, both being buried in the Carmel Methodist Churchyard Tucker Hill Westmoreland Co.; 4th Robert Henry b. 1848 m. 17 Jan. 1872 to Rebecca Garner; 5th John b. 1850 m. 26 Dec. 1876 to Sarah Douglass, widow of his cousin Dandridge Dameron; 6th Edwin Lucius b. June 3, 1853, d. Oct. 13, 1922, m. Ella E. Bramell b. Feb. 20, 1850, d. Mar. 1, 1928, both buried in the churchyard of Carmel Methodist Church Tucker Hill Westmoreland Co.; 7th Dawsey b. 1854; 8th Richard b. 1858.

Children of John Corbin Dameron b. 1784 by second wife, Hester Shelly:

(6). Joseph Dameron m. Dec. 23, 1869 to Amelia Ambrose, dau. of Redman Ambrose, children: 1st, Samuel L. b. 1873; 2d, Laura B. b. 1872 m. G. H. Fones; 3rd Fanny C. m. Lucius Balderson; 4th Ruth; 5th Samuel; 6th Richard Lunsford (better known as Lunsford) who was married three times, first to Alice Harper 5 Feb. 1872, second to Mary Frances Bartlett 8 Dec. 1887, third to Maria Hudson, former widow of James Hudson and Henry Dameron. He had no children by the third wife, this being a marriage between two old people for companionship (she was Maria Catherine Dobyns originally). All are buried in Gibeon Church near Village, where his last wife is buried beside her second husband James Hudson thus: "James C. Hudson March 1831 Feb. 1890--Maria C. Hudson, May 1843-June 1917. The other tombs show: "Mary Frances, wife of R. L. Dameron, age 55 years (no year)--Alice Areento, dau. of R. L. & M. F. Dameron, age 15 years (no year); Mary Alice, wife of R. L. Dameron, age 42 years (no year), remains of R. L. Dameron (no dates)." By his first wife, Lunsford Dameron had a dau. Catherine who m. Joseph Salzig 12 June 1901.

2. MOLLY DRAPER DAMERON, dau. of William, will 1821, b. 18 Dec. 1786, was dead by Jan. 1817. She m. 20 Dec. 1809 Edward Garner Richardson; He m. Margaret Self 1817.

3. Luke William b. 30 Mar. 1789, m. Aug. 21, 1816, his cousin Polly Christopher.

4. William b. 5 Feb. 1792 m. twice, 1st to Lucinda Sandy 15 Aug. 1818, 2d to Harriet Lewis 19 May 1832. Lucinda was dau. of Thomas Sandy.

5. Frances.

6. Nancy or Ann m. William Brandy Lewis 29 Dec. 1812, half-bro.of Lucinda Sandy.

7. Bartholomew b. 1802 m. 9 Aug. 1830 Lucy Dameron, dau. of Christopher and widow of Christopher D. Lewis. He was dead by 1853 when estate was divided. Children: (1) Lucy m. 17 Dec. 1856 Richard Dawson and 2d William J. Davis; (2) Gracey d. 10 Dec. 1889, m. John Fleet Lewis Oct. 5, 1852; (3) Bartholomew. Dead by 1863, unmarried.

William Brandy Lewis was b. 1787 and was living in 1855 when he received bounty land for his service during the War of 1812.

Gracey A. Dameron wase married 5 Oct. 1852 (Minister's Return on file in Heathsville, Va.) to Fleet Lewis. She d. Dec. 10, 1889, age 45, of cancer, daughter of Bartholomew and Lucy Dameron. The will of John F. Lewis was probated 10 Apr.1899. They had issue: Lucy m. (1) Richard Dawson Dec. 12, 1856, age 29, son of Benjamin Dawson and Fannie Headley. Her age is given as age 18, dau. of Bartholomew Dameron and Lucy Dameron (Northumberland Co., Va. Marriage Book 1854-1917.) They had issue and the father of James F. Lewis used to visit them. On Sept. 1, 1881, Lucy Dawson, age 35, dau. of Bartholomew and Lucy Dameron, married William J. Davis, age 48. (Ibid.)

DIVISION OF THE ESTATE OF BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON January 1853. Lucy S. Dameron, widow, and relict to receive 1/3 of whole estate; John F. Lewis and Grace his wife a daughter to receive 1/3 of balance of estate; Lucy Dameron a daughter to receive 1/3 of balance of estate; Bartholomew Dameron, a son, to receive 1/3 of balance of estate. (Northumberland Co., Va. Estate Book C, p. 347, etc.)

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NOTES ON LUKE DAMERON, SON OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH DAMERON

"Ordered that Joseph Ball, Sheriff of this county be appt. admr. of the estate of Luke Dameron dec'd he having been dead more than three months and no person applying for admr. of the estate,"Sydnor T. Hudson, Presley Hudson, Tho. Hudson and James Beacham or any three appt. appraiser. 13 Sept. 1830, p. 23, Northumberland Co., Va. Order Book 1830-35.

On the motion of George Jackson and Polly his wife ord. that Anne Dameron, Thos. Lewis and Betsy his wife and Hannah Dameron heirs of Luke Dameron dec'd be sum'd to appear at Nov. court next to show cause why the lands of the said dec'd should not be divided between the heirs of the deceased. 13 Sept. 1830. P. 23, ibid.

Ordered that Leroy G. Edwards and Presley Hudson be app't to make sale of the lands of which Luke Dameron dec'd seized on 12 months credit and report. 14 Feb. 1830. P. 23, ibid.

Jackson and wife vs. Dameron etc. The summons awarded in this case at Sept. term last having been returned duty executed and it appearing to the court that the lands whereon Luke Dameron died seized will not amount in value to each heir the sum of $300, It is ordered that Leroy G. Edwards and Presley Hudson be appointed commissioners to make sale of same on twelve months credit and to take bonds payable to themselv as commissioners for the distribution to each heir or rept. P.60.

Ordered that Mast. Commissioner Sydnor settle Jos. Ball Jr. admr. of the estate of Luke Dameron, dec'd and report. 9 April 1832, p. 153, ibid.

Acct. of the estate of Luke Dameron dec'd return,13 May 1833, pp. 258, 259.

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NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VA. CENSUS, 1850, by C. Cox, Marshall:

No. 2-2, Bartholomew Dameron, age 48, male, white, farmer, $1,000 real estate, birthplace, Northumberland Co.; Lucy age 48, Lucy age 13, Mary age 11, Bartholomew age 9, male white. All b.Northumberland Co. Va.

No. 6-6. Richard Dawson, age 23, farmer, born Northumberland Co., Elizabeth age 21, born Northumberland, Ann Dugan, age 13, Jerry Dameron age 11, male, white--all b. Northumberland Co.

No. 213-213. Joseph Dameron age 26, farmer, $780 real estate, b. Northumberland Co., Mary age 22, James age 17, Henry age 13. All b. Northumberland Co.

VI. ROGER DAMERON (Lawrence[1], Bartholomew[2], Lawrence[3], William[4], William[5]), was born in Northumberland Co. about 1750 and married Leanna Jones 15 Aug. 1775 (Marriage Bond, Richmond Co., Va.) He received land in Northumberland Co. by his father's will but sold this land to his brother Luke and he purchased Luke's land in Westmoreland Co. 30 May 1789. Roger also owned land in Richmond Co. His estate was administered by Joseph Ball, Jr. 11 May 1831 in Northumberland Co. at which time it was stated that Roger had been dead more than three months. Roger was probably named for Roger Williams, father of Elizabeth Williams Dameron, whose mother was named Mary acoording to the North Farnham Parish Register. Roger had the following known children and there may have been others: Roger Dameron and Leanner his wife admitted to membership Saturday before the 1st Lord's Day of August 1807. (Wicomico Baptist Church Record, Northumberland Co., Va. a copy of which is on file in the Archive Div. Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va.)

1. WILLIAM DAMERON b. 17 Aug. 1777, Farnham Parish, Richmond Co. m. 10 April 1809 in Richmond Co. to Milly Jones, spinster, Leroy Littrell, sec. (Clerk's Office, Warsaw, Va.) Children, so far as known:

(1) Richard Dameron b. 1815 m. 23 March 1844, Edw'd L. Winstead, sec. to Sarah J. Thrift, Richmond Co., Va. She may have been a second wife since his daughter Arabella was b. around 1837 according to the 1850 census. Children: a. Arabella b. 1837; b. Adora S. b. 1845; c. William b. 1848; d. John S. H. b. 1852; e. Richard H.C. b. 1857, twin; f. George A. S. b. 1857, twin; g. Josephine b. 1861.

(2) Charles Y. Dameron, son of William, b. 1813 m. 1 Oct. 1833, Lucy Douglass, John W. Douglass, sec. (Northumberland Co., Va. Marriage Bonds, by Nottingha p. 25, also on file Heathsville, Va.) Children: Hannan b. 1842; Moranda b. 1845; Frances S.E. (could be J.E.) b. 1849; Caroline Y. b. 1852; Malchesdec b. 1853, a son. The 1850 Census, Richmond,Co. Va., Farnham Parish, lists pp. 295--Charles Y. Dameron, age 37, male, white, farmer, born Richmond Co., with Lucy age 39, female, white; Hannah A. age 8, female, white; Miranda age 5, female, white; James J.E. 1 year, male, white.

(3) Joseph Dameron, son of above William, b. 1820, m. Sarah Hammock 10 Aug. 1841, Northumberland Co. He lived for awhile in Richmond Co. and moved to Northumberland Co. around 1857. Children: Alice Jane b. 1843; Lutishia b. 1846 m. Frederick Tyson; Barzella b. 1847; Sarah F.; Mary F. m. Henry Taylor; Andrew Franklin Jackson b. 1854 d. 1929 m. Elizabeth Richardson b. 1853; Charles Steptoe Blackwell m. Mary A. Anderson; lastly, Ferdinand b. around 1859. The 1850 Census, Northumberland Co. Va. by C. Cox, marshall, lists No. 23-23: Joseph Dameron, age 30, shoemaker, born Northumberland Co., Sarah age 25; Alice age 7; Litisha, age 4, female; Boswell age 3, male; Mary age 2; Alice Dungan age 12, female, white.

2. NANCY DAMERON, daughter of above Roger, was m. 23 Jan. 1808, to Samuel Miskell, Roger Dameron giving his consent. (Clerk's Office, Warsaw, Va.)

3. LEANNAH DAMERON b. 1795 m. 6 Jan. 1823, Edward K. Tune. (Samuel E. Tune, age 42, widower, b. Richmond Co., son of Edward K. Tune and Leanna Dameron, married Mary E. J. Rock, age 35, widow, born Northumberland Co., dau. of Charles Dameron and Jane Keene, 18 June, 1865. (Northumberland Co., Marrigge Book 1854-1917, p.13,1.25.

4. CHARLES DAMERON, son of above Roger, married twice. His first wife was Anne or Nancy Pope whom he married 3 May 1819 in Northumberland Co. His second wife was Jane Keene whom he married 17 Apr. 1822. Charles and Jane lived in Northumberland Co. in a place known as Plain View. The deed dated 23 Apr. 1830 from Albert G. Plummer to Joseph M. and Mary E. J. Dameron is for "house and lot known as Plain View where their father Charles Dameron now lives", recorded 25 May 1830; witness M.B. Cralle, Rob't Alexander, Stephen B. Payn. (Northumberland Co., Va. Record Book 27, line 121.)

Children of Charles Dameron, son of Roger: By first wife--

(1) Elizabeth Dameron.

(2) By second wife: Joseph M. m. Feb. 21, 1851, to Mary Anne Tune, dau. of Edward K. Tune and Leannah Dameron.

(3) Mary E. J. Dameron, who m. twice. Her first husband was Charles H. Rock, whom she married Jan. 8, 1851. Her second husband was Samuel E. Tune whom she married June 18, 1865, son of Edward K. Tune and Leanna Dameron.

(4) James Albert Dameron b. Mar. 4, 1832, d. Jan. 9, 1919, m. Dec. 10, 1858, Mary Courtney b. March 1, 1838, d. Nov. 3, 1924. Both are buried in Carmel Methodist Churchyard, Tucker Hill, Westmoreland Co.

(5) Henry Lawson Dameron m. Maria Dobyns. After his death she m. James Hudson and she is buried beside her second husband in Gibeon Baptist Churchyard near Village, Northumberland. Children: Lula or SLoülie who m. John Fleet Rock (known as Fleet Rock., 2d. Henrian Dameron. (The information concerning Henry was given to James F. Lewis by Mrs. Carlton Hudson, daughter-in-law of Maria.)

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DEED OF GIFT FROM WILLIAM DAMERON to his sons, Charles Y., Richard and Joseph, one Negro woman named Margery, dated 1 March 1823. Witness. Walt Self, Willoughby Harrison, Thos. Bell. Recorded 15 Aug. 1823. (Richmond Co., Va. Deed Book 21, p.455.)

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DEED FROM LUKE DAMERON TO ROGER DAMERON: Dated 30 May 1789, Luke Dameron of St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland Co., Va. to ROGGER DAMERON of Westmoreland Co. for sum of 100 pounds current money of Virginia, tract of land in Yeocommoco Neck being the land left to the said Luke by his father William Dameron by his last will containing 100 acres more or less. Recorded 30 June 1789. Witness: David Straugham, Wm. Dameron, George Dameron, Henry Dawson, Christopher Dameron. (Westmoreland Co., Va. Deed Book 18, p. 70.)

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DEED TO WILLIAM DAMERON: Deed dated 31 Aug. 1783 by Benjamin Goff and Winnefred his wife of St. Stephens' Parish, Northumberland Co., Va. to WILLIAM DAMERON of Cople Parish, Westmoreland Co. for sum of 10,000 pounds of tobacco tract of land situated in Yeocommoco Neck that Fernifold Nutt and Sissey his wife sold to William Obyan Goff 29 May 1764. Witness. Math Self, William Dameron, Junr., George Habrow. Recorded 31 Aug. 1784. (Westmoreland Co., Va. Deed Book 16, p. 238.)

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RICHMOND COUNTY, VA. CENSUS, 1850, FARNHAM PARISH:

166-166. Hester Dameron, age 42, female, white, born Northumberland Co., Va. Sim J., age 11, no sex noted, white, b. Richmond Co., Orrace Samuel age 9, male, Richard L., age 7, male, Elizabeth age 4, female, all b. Richmond Co.

172-172. John Dameron, age 32, male, white, farmer, b. Westmoreland Co., Lucy J. age 30, female, white, b. Westmoreland Co., William C., age 8, b. Richmond Co., Lucy J. age 6, Charles S. age 3, Robert H., age 1, all b. Richmond Co.

337-337. Richard Dameron, age 35, shoe and bootmaker, real estate $150, b. Richmond Co., Sarah J. age 30 b. Richmond Co., Arabella age 13, Adora S. age 5, fema white, William C., age 2.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VA. 1850 CENSUS, C. COX, MARSHALL:

21-21. Harriett Dameron, age 33, female, white, b. Northumberland Co., William Beacham age 24, male, white, farmer, real estate $600, b. Northumberland C., Maria age 40, female, white b. Northumberland Co., Caroline age 13, female, Charles age 11, all b. Northumberland Co., Va.

28-28. Joseph D. Rock, age 33, male, carpenter, b. Northumberland Co., Sophia age 40, female, b. Northumberland Co., Georgianna age 8 b. Richmond Co., Va., Mary age 7, Marie age 5, Lucius age 3, male, David age 16, Ann age 16, female all b. Northumberland Co., Va. (Ann Dameron was the name of the last item.)

In December, 1953, the Revolutionary record of Capt. John Damron b. 1757 was established with the Daughters of the American Revolution, and papers were filed with the Registrar General, National Society, Washington, D.C. This was done by the niece of Annabel Walker who also sent the chapter on the Revolution from this book for the D.A.R. files. Annabel wrote: "I wrote her a seven-page letter giving proof why descendants of John Damron, Jr. and Sarah Shultz should be eligible for D.A.R. I sent about ten pages of rpoof to D.A.R. and quoted pages from Mrs. Chapman's book, History of Johnson Co., Ill. I want to tell you how I found this book: I asked the postmaster in Vienna, Ill. to look up Martha Burris and I received a letter from an eighty year old man, Ike Morgan, Vienna. He told me I could get a book written by Mrs. P.T. Chapman. It cost me almost $4 but is worth it. He is in the real estate business in the Bank building that Martha Burris's daughter, Mrs. Pankey, works in. He said they had some extra ones. The book on my husband's family "Elkanah and Mary Walker, Pioneers among the Spokanes," is by Clifford Merrill Drury, Ph.D., Caxton Printers, Ltd. Caldwell, Idaho, 1940. It was taken from Mary's diary. She was b. Baldwin, Maine."

In another letter Annabel wrote that when Frances Crawford Johnson sent papers to the D.A.R. "I had to get a birth certificate for her mother, Mary Richardson Crawford born in Salado, Bell Co., Texas Mar. 13, 1881, twin to Maude Richardson Winters who died in 1942 in Portland, Ore. I got it. I had to prove Martha Salado Damron (my mother) was a daughter of Milton Wesley Damron. Then I had to prove he was a son of John Damron, Jr. Elizabeth Damron Young sent me a photostatic copy showing the families of John Damron Sr. and Jr. together. My niece is Mrs. Ray Johnson, 1111 Hoyt Street, Everett, Wash."

Annabel also wrote: "I got a pamphlet on the counties of Tennessee by Austin P. Foster, Librarian, for $1.00, and on p. 36 it says Roane Co. was created Nov. 6, 1801, with Kingston as county seat and in the county at that time were 275 capable of bearing arms, organized into 6 companies. Only 8 men were unable to sign their names to the muster rolls. Forty-two of them had been Revolutionary soldiers. Among them was Capt. Walker who commanded the bodyguard of Light Horse Harry Lee, p. 36. I am wondering if one of those men could be our John." In a later letter she wrote that the name of the pamphlet was "Counties of Tennessee," and I wrote to the State Library for a copy but they said they had none and Foster was now dead. Annabel added: "Roane was erected Nov. 6, 1801, from Knox Co. named for Judge Roane, Gov. 1801-1803. It did not give the first name of Walker but naturally it must be Thomas." If this is Capt. Thos. Walker, then John Damron was in the bodyguard of Lighthorse Harry Lee, father of Robert E. Lee.

Ruth Dorius looked for the names of the Revolutionary soldiers with John Damron and found on the 1820 census of Franklin County, Ill. where he was: Phillips, Eubanks, Cox, Ewing, Thompson, Moore, Rodgers, Lockaleer, Spencer Wadkins, J.Damron, Hezekiah Garrett, Jos. Nuten, Walter McDaniel, Cambell (Robt. and Wm.), Moses and Wiley Jones, John W. and Richard Waller, Gideon Taylor, Caldwell, Odum, Weekly, Berns, Philip Russell, John Davis, and Ivory. She noted a town of Garrett near Floyd Co., Ky. She also wrote: There are names in Illinois on both the 9th and 2d Va. Regiments (on which John Damron served). Have a feeling Wilson Damron was with the Lewis and Clark Expedition which returned in 1806." She also noted: There were a John and Joseph Dunham at King's Mountain. There must have been an Obediah Damron whose record was spelled Danum and Denham in Ky. That Woodson Denham who took out land in Ky. 1806 lived in Pulaski Co. There is a town of Burnside there.

NOTES ON THE DAMERONS OF CASWELL COUNTY, N. C.

Gladys E. Chambers, Mrs. Fred Hall Chambers) wrote to Mrs. Pearce, from 1227 B Avenue, Douglas, Arizona, March 23, 1948: "I've been a D.A.R. since 1938. The famil of Ball as connected with the Dameron family was the information I am still seeking. I do not have the exact date of Joseph Dameron's birth but it was probably in 1761, as he died and was buried in Caswell County, N.C. where he lived after the Revolutionary War. He was in the Battle of Guilford Court House under Col. Mumford. Joseph Dameron b. Northumberland Co., Va. m. Sara Ball. Their oldest son Geo. Gall D. was a Col. in the Black Hawk War b. 1771. Second, William, no data. Third Bartholomew m. Rebecca ____ Dameron. They had son John Taylor Dameron who married Nancy May Love. Joseph D. and Sarah Ball were m. about 1771 in Virginia. My father's mother was d. of James Ball D. and Elizabeth Reed D. Joseph Dameron enlisted and served three times.

She included the pension summary sheet on Joseph Dameron S8 310, birth Feb. 2, 1763 in Northumberland County, Virginia."He alleged that he enlisted in September 1780; served on different tours in the Virginia Troops, under Captains Mumford, Robert Bolling, Wm. Harrison, Colonels Wm. Downman, Robert Mumford and Holcombe; was in the Battle of Guilford Court House, and left the service in May, 1781; served as Private. His alleged service totaled 6 months 3 weeks. Joseph Dameron was pensioned on Certificate No. 7129, issued March 5, 1833, rate $22.33 per annum, act of June 7, 1832, North Carolina Pension Agency."

Another letter from Leo L. Holz, July 3, 1954, said: "Joseph Dameron, Sr. was born 1748; Joseph Dameron, Jr. was born 1763. This does not prove that they were not father and son but in my mind this makes it extremely improbable."

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Nell Pearce found in Raymond, Hinds County, Mississippi:

"GEORGE B. DAMERON: There is also estate for George B. Dameron in which,George C. Dameron is Administrator. The inventory in this was filed in Mch. 1834. This one is Case No. 154. Please address any further communication to Chancery Clerk, Raymond Miss. Should you want copies of any of these will be $1.00 each.

"GEORGE C. DAMERON: Do not find the paper stating date of death,but a citation t the Sheriff of Warren County to his sister, Sarah D. McRaven, his brothers Robert and James H. Dameron, is dated Aug. 13, 1851. Some of the papers stated that he had been dead 8 or 10 years, and judgments against him were given in 1839. He had no cash, no estate except 320 acres of land and that was up near Jackson in this county. Please Mention No. 1147 if you have occasion to write further about this man. Signed) ROSALIE F. BIGGS, dated Dec. 14, 1953."

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Nell Pearce also sent other brief notes on George Ball Dameron, Caswell Co., N.C.

1820--buys--deed.
1818 Wit. deed Sam'l Dameron (of Lincoln Co., N.C.) buying
1819 Buying from Darby, Daniel (?)
1811 Buying from Jos. Gun, wit. Jos.
1820 Wit. Geo. B. father of Wm. M. and his bro.-in-law Jos. C. Dameron, Wm. M. wife Nancy, her father Saml. Love. Wit. N. Thompson. (I have proved this to be Nicholas.)

Geo. B. came from Pitts. Co., Va. to Caswell in 1796 and John who came from Halifax Co., Va. same year may have been son of this Jos. Sr. Geo. B. b. after 1774 and before 1784.

1810-20 Stewart Co.,Tenn. also John here (cousins), son of Jos. & Sarah Ball, father b. abt. 1761, buried Caswell Co., N.C. b. Northumberland Co. m. Sarah there, oldest son Geo. B. Col. Black Hawk War. Beo. B. b. 1771, other ch. Wm. Barth m. Rebecca, had son John Taylor D. who m. Nancy May Love. Geo. B. m. Eliz. Reed.

THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER DAMERON OF CASWELL COUNTY, N.C.

"In the name of God, Amen, I, Christopher Dameron of Caswell County and state of North Carolina, calling to mind the certainty of death, do make and ordain this my last will and revoking all other former wills, commit my soul to God, as for my worldly goods I give as followeth: I give to my daughter Polly Dameron, one negro girl named Mary, one colt called TrueBlue, also one bed and furniture, one trunk to her and heirs, etc. I give unto my daughter Katie Dameron, one negro girl named Marsy, one bed and furniture to her heirs, etc.

"I lend unto my son, Christopher Dameron, a tract of land containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less, also one negro boy named Sam, during his natural life, and if my son Christopher marries and has a lawful heir, my desire that he and his enjoy the land and negro forever; if not, to return and be equally divided among all my children.

"I give unto my son, Bartholomew Dameron ten dollars besides what he already has. I give unto my daughter Nancy Mathews twenty shillings besides what she already has had. I give unto my two grandchildren, unto Eliza Ingram Dameron and Patsy Depue Dameron, one negro named Peter and twenty dollars to them and their heirs. I give unto my daughter Sallie Mathews, twenty shillings besides what she has had already. My desire is that my executors hereafter named sell a negro by the name of Abe and whatsoever else that they may think best to pay my just debts. I lend unto my beloved wife Sarah Dameron, the plantation I now live on, with all my negros not already disposed of, cattle, horses, hogs, household and kitchen furniture, my plantation utensils, riding chair, etc. during her natural life, and after her decease, my desire is what I lent my wife return and be divided among my children, to-wit:

"Bartholomew Dameron, Patsy Anderson, Polly and Katie Dameron, Sallie Mathews, children and my desire is that when the above mentioned children is made equal with my daughter Nancy that she come in with her equal share with them. Lastly I appoint my uncle Joseph Dameron and cousin Joseph Dameron and son Bartholomew Dameron executors of this my last will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 10th day of November 1807.

CHRISTOPHER DAMERON (Seal)"

"Witness my hand this the 3rd day of January, 1928, Geo. A. Anderson,C.S.C."

The above was sent to me by Leo L. Holz, 417 Lewis Street, Los Angeles, Calif. in1954, with a corrected list of"the children of Bartholomew Dameron b. 1775 and Rebecca Malone,"he being the son of the above Christopher, Will 1807:

"1. Alex M. Dameron b. about 1799 m. Patsy Dameron (a cousin.)
2. Salinda Dameron b. about 1801, m. Joseph Coppage Dameron, (a cousin).
3. Sarah Dameron b. about 1804 m. Hugh Dobbins.
4. Elizabeth Dameron b. about 1807 m. Thomas Malone (a cousin).
5. John Tyler Dameron b. about 1809 m. Nancy May Love (a ccusin.)
6. Mary Ann Dameron b. about 1811 m. first, Abel F. Burton (a cousin) and second, James M. Butts.
7.Parthenia Dameron b. about 1813 m. George A. Mathis (a cousin).
8. George W. Dameron b. 2-20-1815 m. first, Susan Lobban, second, Eliza J. Mayo.
9. Frances Dameron b. about 1816, m. Samuel Burton (a cousin).
10. Phoebe Dameron b. about 1817 m. Barzella Wisdom.
11. William Lewis Dameron b. about 1820 m. Priscilla Cavins."

"VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON

June 26, 1937

Reference: Joseph Dameron
S. 8310, BA-J/AWF.

Mrs. McCallister Pearce,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Joseph Dameron, a Revolutionary War soldier, who drew a pension while a resident of North Carolina. The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S. 8310, based upon the service of Joseph Dameron (as his signature is shown in the claim) in the Revolutionary War.

Joseph Dameron was born Feb. 2, 1763, in Northumberland County, Virginia. The names of his parents were not given. While managing his father's plantation in Amelia County, Virginia, Joseph Dameron enlisted in the month of September, 1780, and served three months as private in Captain Mumford's company, Colonel William Downman's Virginia regiment. He enlisted the following January, and served about three weeks in Captain Robert Bolling's company, stationed in Petersburg, Virginia.

While living with his father in Brunswick County, Virginia, Joseph Dameron volunteered sometime in February, 1781, and served in Captain William Harrison's company, Colonel Robert Mumford's Virginia regiment, marched to High Rock, North Carolina, where his colonel was taken sick, and he was transferred to Colonel Holcombe's regiment, was in the battle of Guilford Court House, and continued in the service until sometime in May, 1781. The soldier, Joseph Dameron, was allowed pension on his application executed January 7, 1833, then a resident of Caswell County, North Carolina, having moved there from Halifax County, Virginia. It was not stated that the soldier was ever married.

George B. Dameron of Caswell County, North Carolina in 1833, stated that he was acquainted with Joseph Dameron during the Revolution, but that he was too young to be in the service. It was not shown that he was related to the soldier.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, name and address of person paid, and possibly the date of death of this pensioner, you should apply to The Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, Washington, D.C., and give the following data: Joseph Dameron, Certificate No. 7129, Issued March 5, 1833, rate $22.33 per annum, commenced March 4, 1831, Act of June 7, 1832, North Carolina Agency.

"Very truly yours A. D. Hiller

A. D. HILLER,
Executive Assistant to the Administrator."

(Note: A letter from Lee Dameron, 834 North Mangum Street, Durham,N.C. says: "My father, Lonnie Thomas Dameron, is related to the Caswell County, N.C. Damerons and as soon as he finds time to trace his ancestry back as far as possible, we would like to send it to you, so that you will be able to make the connections between our generation and the generations of our ancestors."

CHART SHOWING THE ANCESTRY OF SARAH BALL DAMERON

I. REV. RICHARD BALL
:
II. COL. WM. BALL 1615-1680, m. Hannah Atheral.
:

III. HANNAH BALL, m. David Fox

JOSEPH BALL, m. (1) Eliz. Romney, (2) Mary Montague
:
MARY BALL m. Augustine Washington
:
GEORGE WASHINGTON

CAPT. WM. BALL m. (1) Mary Williams, (2) ___ Harris; (3) Mary Downman.
:
CAPT. GEORGE BALL m. (1) Grace Haynie (Waddy)
:
SARAH BALL b. 1715, m. Christopher Dameron b. abt. 1700-1764
:

BARTHOLOMEW, m. Mary Waddy

ELIZ. m. John Coppedge, dec'd prior to 1764

SARAH, m. Josias Gaskins and Lattimore

SAMUEL, minor 1764

GRACE, minor 1764

MARY, minor, 1764

JOSEPH 1748-181
:

JOHN (of Lancaster Co., Va.)
:

GEORGE BALL DAMERON b. 1771-1848, m. Mary W. Moore. Went to Caswell County, N.C.
:

THOMAS W. m. Sally Roberts
:

JUDITH m. Joseph Knight Dec. 8,1801, Caswell Co., N.C., security, her brother, Geo. Ball Dameron

Wm. m. Eliz. Ingram Dameron
Salinda m. Jos. Coppedge, 1801
Warren W. b. 1822 m. Frances Horner

Patsey B. 1805, m. Harrison Dameron
Judith Marlowe m. Matt. Richmond.
Eliz. I. b. 1812
John Jas. 1814-1864
Wm. Moore b. 1824, m. Ann Dysart

Jas. Ball 1809-1877 m. Eliz. Connelly
Mary W. b. 1818 m. Rev. James Dysart
Logan D. b. 1827, m. Mary Chappell

Patience
Thomas, Jr.
Betsey
George Ball b.1816 m. Sarah Chappell
Sarah b. 1820 m. James Dameron

(Note: The above was sent by Nell Elkins Pearce, but it did not give the father of George Ball Dameron and said he went "from Halifax Co., Va. to Caswell Co., N.C." "American State Papers, Public Lands: Present Claimant, George B. Dameron, above White Point, Pascagoula River, date of 1779 orig. settlement where situated, orig. claimant, dist. of Pearl River, Mde. Neait Pacquet, date of present settlement, 1819. Have not as yet been able to find Geo. Gall's est. papers but he d. 1836 or 1838 in southern part of Mississippi. (Vol. 30, Am. St. Papers.) Also have families of James Ball Dameron and Mary Ann Moore, Bartholomew 1775-1847 and Rebecca Malone, John Dameron m. Eliz. Boucher, Bartholomew m. Eliz. Garlington. The chart appeared to show George Ball Dameron as son of John, but I could not make it out clearly.)

A letter of Feb. 17, 1939, R-63234-h11, from the General Accounting Office, Washington, D.C. said: "In reply to your letter of January 26, 1939, requesting information concerning Joseph Dameron, a pensioner of the Revolutionary War, Certificate No. 7129, North Carolina Agency, you are advised the records of this office show that the last payment of pension, covering the period from March 4, 1836, to September 4, 1836, was made November 14, 1836, at Fayetteville, North Carolina, to Griffin Gunn, as attorney for the pensioner. On October 26, 1836, the pensioner certified that he had resided in Caswell County, N.C. for the space of forty-six years, and previous thereto he resided in Amelia County, Va." Records Division.

THE DESCENDANTS OF MOSES DAMERON

The ancestry of Moses Damron is as follows:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Northumberland County, Va. before 1652, with his wife Dorothy and their children Bartholomew, eldest, George, Thomas, Samuel, Lawrence, Jr. and Dorothy who married Josias Gaskins and Samuel Mahan.

II. GEORGE DAMERON, m. Elizabeth Dennis, widow of JohnDennis. He inherited the Guarding Point estate in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va. His will was administered by his brother Bartholomew in1702. His children were: Col. Thomas 1683-1750, of Wicomico parish; Elizabeth m. Charles Ingram; Lazarus; and George m. Margaret Taylor, daughter of Lazarus Taylor, and 2d Thomas Winter.

III. LAZARUS DAMERON, who was the first Dameron to leave Northumberland, in the year 1725. In 1726 he was in King George County, Va. and in 1748 he had a land grant in Albemarle on the north side of the upper James River. In 1746 he had 212 acres surveyed on the north side of Fluvanna River (upper James), and his son George and his son John had surveys at the same time. Lazarus married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Smith, mentioned in her father's will, Nov. 20, 1721, Northumberland. The children of Lazarus were these, order of birth not known: Winefred m. John Thomas and had a son Charles; Hannah, heir to her brother Richard's land; Richard, died unmarried 1749 in Albemarle, where he had a land grant on Hardware River; Judith, married Noble Ladd, and their daughter Anne Ladd married Capt. John Damron, a first cousin; John Dameron d. Albemarle, Va. 1757, who had a son Charles in the 2d Va. Regt. in the Revolution; George, of Buckingham and Albemarle, who had a son George who went to Green Co., Ky., a son Michael, who had a son Dunmore; and others; and another son of Lazarus was Moses Dameron, spelled Damron usually.

IV. MOSES DAMERON, who inherited his father's plantation in his will of 1749, Albemarle County, Va. There is no record of any sale of this property, which was on the north side of James river. The Surveyors' Book No. 1, part 2, shows a survey for Moses Dameron 15 Nov. 1760: "This is a plot of ninety-nine acres of land lying on both sides of Damron's Creek and the north side of Fluvanna River in Albemarle County;" also on June 15, 1761, the Surveyors' Book in Charlottesville, Va. shows a "plot of 175 acres of land lying on the branches Red Bank and Damron's Creeks in Albemarle County, surveyed for Moses Dameron." Alimae Aiken tried to find the original land survey and wrote: "I have at last found a slight clue to the location of Lazarus' land which the surveyors' book placed on the north side of the Fluvanna,no other description: There is a long stretch of miles along this river. Moses in 1760 and '61 took a parent for a plot on the north side of the Fluvanna on Dameron's Creek, which was surely named for Lazarus there on the north of the river and Moses was likely living on his father's place when he took out the patents. No other Damerons have ever lived on the north side of this river according to the surveyors' books and patents. No maps so far have shown these small creeks and no one with whom I have talked has known the location. An old book which I read lately mentioned Red Bank Falls and gave its location and I know Dameron's Creek must be near it. The place is on the Fluvanna or James in Fluvanna County, not too far and yet not very close to the other members of the family (not in Porter's Precinct, I judge, as Scottsville is closer.) It is real near or adjoining the Noble and Amos Ladd place on Bremo Creek (not the Ladd land in the big bend). It seems to me this may be a slight proof that our John was Moses' son or John's son, an orphan, who lived with Moses, as he married Anna Ladd who was the closest neighbor and a cousin." Moses had sons Moses, Richard and Lazarus of Washington and Russell Counties, Va. and Ky.

1. LAZARUS DAMERON, son of Moses of Albemarle County, Va. was an Indian spy and scout for the government in Washington, Russell and other counties in western Virginia "about 1790 and followed the Big Sandy River into Floyd County, Ky.," according to the records. He was apparently at the battle of Kings' Mountain with Col. Campbell, the hero of Kings' Mountain, for whom Campbell Countywas named in Virginia. Ruth Dorius sent notes from Gwathmey's book on the Kings' Mountain men and said Lazarus Dameron was with James Fraley: "James Fraley, resident of Lawrence County, Ky. served under Col. Wm. Campbell and Capt. Snody; was nine months an Indian spy in Washington Co., Va. and enlisted Mar. 3, 1779. "The man who spied with him about a year was Lazarus Dameron who enlisted April, 1780 for one year in Washington Co. under Col. Dampbell and Capt. Snody. Campbell went to Kings Mt. Lazarus Dameron enlisted the second time when Fraley did and they served together as comrades. In the 1780's many Revolutionary veterans flocked to the frontier near the Cumberland Gap in Washington and Russell Counties, and among them were the Dameron brothers and their friends, such as Wm. Clark, James Robertson, Abr. Cox., Edw., Cox, David Crockett, John Moore, Shardick Morris, Joseph and Isaac Wilson, John Carter--all these had fought at Kings' Mountain.

In 1794 Lazarus Dameron bought land of Hatfield in New Garden on both sides of Lewis Creek, next to John Neal, and in 1805, he and his wife, Nancy, sold this land to Kendrick, at which time they were living in Floyd County, Ky. In 1809 Lazarus had a court case in Russell County, Va., which might have been after he had left, and in 1813 he received power of attorney from Reuben Smith of Russell.

2. RICHARD DAMERON, who was with Moses, Lazarus and John Dameron in Russell County, Va. The Russell County Court Records, Book 2, p. 289, 1796 have an item: "Richard Damron by Moses Damron etc. vs. Richd Collier in Case Continued for the Defendant. Ordered that Richard Damron etc. pay Moses Damron 1 Dollar and 6 cents for 2 days attendance for him against Richard Collier, also that he pay John Young 2 Dollars and 12 cents for 4 days attendance for him against the said Richard Collier.

"Ordered that Richard Collier pay Abner Vance and Jonathan Musick 1 Dollar and 59 Cents each for 3 days attendance each for him at the Suit of Richard Damron." This is at the June Court, 1796, and refers to jury duty apparently.

Book 2, p. 289, September Court, 1796,"Richard Damron by Moses Damron vs. Richard Collier: in Case. Dismiss'd and each party to pay their own costs."

Richard had a son called Buck. Buck had a son Alex, who was the father of John Wess Damron and Cordie Damron Benson, age 96, in 1953, sister of John Wess Damron who was then 94, and living in Floyd and Pike County, Ky. These two knew of Moses Damron of the same generation as Richard, their great-grandfather.

3. MOSES DAMERON or DAMRON. In 1786 he had the first deed recorded in Russell County, which was formed from Washington Co., Va. that year, for 230 acres on Clinch River, adjoining David Calhoun and Henry Hamblin. His wife then was named Aggy but in 1798 and 1800 his wife was named Sarah, when he made deeds. In 1798 Moses Damron and his wife Sarah are living in Fleming County, Ky. The children of Moses were:

(1) Moses m. Jennie Mullins in 1812, living in Pike County, Ky., ch. Moses, William, Solomon, Sarah m. Thomas Owens, Louisa, Elizabeth. Solomon King Damron went from Pike to Greenup Co., Ky. 1871, and his son Joseph Randolph Damron went to Huntington, W.Va., others living in W. Va., and Ky.

(2) Lazarus Damron, ch. Samuel, Moses, John Tom, William, Jane m. Stephen Marcum, Paulina m. Stone, ____ m. Hager of Ky.,Lazarus, father of Ezekial, who was the father of Rediford Damron of Lexington, Ky. Samuel m. Caudice Copley and lived in W.Va. Samuel's son George Washington Damron was. b. Wayne Co. 1837 m. Esther Chafin. His son Judge James Damron d. 1911.

MOSES DAMERON OF RUSSELL COUNTY, VA.

MOSES DAMERON, the son of Moses of Albemarle, was in Washington County, Va. in 1786, when he had 80 acres on Gravely Lick Branch. An Oregon history telling of Sarah Damron Adair says he "was a great Indian fighter, and employed by the government as a scout and spy during the war with the Shawnees and Delawares. He performed great deeds of daring and bravery which were recognized by the government. Among them was that of rescuing a woman and five children."

Moses was with Capt. John Damron, Adjutant of the 72d Va. Militia, 2d Company, in Russell County, and with Richard and Lazarus Damron. Richard was granted 260 acres on Shelby Creek, Floyd County, Ky. on April 18, 1808--see Jillson's Kentucky Land Grants Book 16, p. 121, grants.

Fincastle was taken off 1772-1777 from Botetourt Co., Va. and Montgomery was taken off 1777 from Fincastle and Washington from Fincastle 1777, while Russell was taken from Washington 1786. Hence this could be the same Moses we find in the following items:

"Fincastle County, May 5, 1773, the grand jury having returned made the following presentments--John Harmon for keeping Mary Allison and cohabiting with her by information of Moses Damrin." (Summers' Annals of Southwest Virginia. Montgomery deeds, 1783, shows Moses Damrell (the name was often spelled this way) with 120 acres on Elk Creek Branch of New River, and we also find him on the 1782 Tax List in Montgomery. As the Indians drove the settlers back at this time, he may have had to move his family from one river to another from time to time. There is no further trace of a Damron in Montgomery that we can find, which indicates this.

The first deed recorded in Russell County, Virginia, was for Moses Damron. It is on Page 1, of Book 1."The lawyers and clerks in Russell say that the first county deed was from James Osborne to Moses Damron. James Osborne owned a great deal of land. I visited two old Osborne homes and made a photo of one. I know the district of each tract of land which the Damrons owned but could not exactly put my finger on the exact spot," according to Alimae Aiken of Madison College in Harrisonburg, Va. who found all this information in Russell County, Va.

DEED FROM OSBORN TO DAMRON, 1786

"THIS INDENTURE made the thirteenth day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty six between James Osborn and Mary his wife of the county of Russell in the Commonwealth of Virginia of the one part and Moses Damron of the said County of the other part, Witnesseth that the said James Osborn for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds current and lawfull money of Virginia to him in hand by the said Moses Damron the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge doth grant and bargain and sell unto the said Moses Damron his heirs and assigns one certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Russell on the waters of Clinch River containing two hundred and thirty acres by plot bearing the eleventh day of November one thousand seven hundred and eighty two andgranted to the said James Osborn by patent bearing date the fifth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five and boundded as followeth (to wit) Beginning at a sugar tree in a sink hole corner to David Calhoun's land thence south six degrees west thirty poles to a white oak and dogwood sapling above a sinking spring south sixty seven degrees west seventy five poles to a hickory and sugar tree on the top of a ridge north forty two degrees west twenty five two hundred and fifty seven poles to a hiccory and black walnut in a sink hole north fifty two degrees east one hundred poles to a white oak and hiccory sapling on Henry Hamblin's line and with the same south eighty six degrees east one hundred and twenty one poles to a walnut and hiccory by a branch thence leaving the same line south fourteen degrees

east one hundred and eighty--up the same to the beginning with its appertences thereto belonging, To Have and to Hold the said tract of land with it appertences unto the said Moses Damron and his heirs and assigns forever defend against the claims of all persons whatever, In Witness whereof the said James Osborn and Mary his wife have hereunto subscribed their names and assigned their seals the day and date above written. JAMES OSBORN (SEAL), MARY OSBORN (SEAL).

"At a Court held for Russell County the 13th day of June 1797 this Indenture of Bargain and sale of land from James Osborn and Mary his wife to Moses Damron was acknowledged in Court and ordered to be recorded. Test. HENRY DICKINSON, C.R.C."

DEED FROM MOSES DAMRON TO VANHOOK, 1787

"This Indenture made the nineteenth day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven between Moses Damron and Aggy his wife assinee of James Osborn of Russell County of the one part and Lawrence Vanhook Junior of the said County of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Moses Damron for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds to him in hand paid the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge doth grant bargain and sell unto the said Lawrence Vanhook a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Russell County on the waters of Clinch River containing _____ hundred and thirty acres by survey bearing date the eleventh day of November one thousand seven hundred and eighty two granted by patent bearing date the fifth day of July one thousand and seven hundred and eighty five, Beginning at a sugar tree in a sink hole corner to David Cowans land thence south six degrees west thirty nine poles to a sinking spring south sixty seven degrees west seventy-five poles to a hickory and sugar tree on the top of a ridge north forty one degrees west one hundred and fifty seven poles to a hiccory and black walnut in a sink hole north fifty ____ degrees east one hundred poles to a white oak and hiccory sapling on Henry Hamblen's line and with the same south eighty six degrees east one hundred and twenty one poles to a walnut and hiccory by a branch thence leaving said line south fourteen degrees east one hundred and eighty poles up the branch to the beginning with its appurtenances to Have and to Hold the said tract or parcel of land with the appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Lawrence Vanhook and his heirs and assigns forever the said Moses Damron will warrant and forever defend the said tract or parcell of land from the rite or claim of all persons whatever. In Witness Whereof the said Moses Damron and Aggy his wife have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year above written. (Signed) MOSES DAMRON (SEAL), AGGY (her mark) DAMRON (SEAL.) (Page 18, Deed Book I, Russell Co., Va.)

"At a Court held for Russell County June the sg^{n} 1787 this Indenture of bargain and sale of land from Moses Damron and Aggy his wife to Lawrence Vanhook Junior was acknowledged in Court and ordered to be recorded. Test. HENRY DICKENSON, C.R.C."

The above land was sold to John Damron Oct. 22, 1791, by Lawrence Vanhook for one hundred pounds, 170 acres.

The Court Records show items confirming the above transactions thus:

Book 1, p. 42, 19th day of June, 1787, A Deed of Bargain and sale of landfrom James Osborn and Mary his wife to Moses Damron was acknowledged in court and ordered to be recorded. Same date--A deed of bargain and sale of land from Modes Damron and Aggy his wife to Lawrence Vanhook Junior was acknowledged in Court and ordered to be recorded. Book 3, p. 30, October Court, 1799: "An Indenture of bargain and sale of land from Moses Damron to John Tallet was proven in court by the oath of Abraham Musick, a witness thereto and cont. for further proof." Book 3, p. 1, December Court, 1799: An indenture of bargain and sale of land from Moses Damron and wife to John Tallet was again produced in court and proven by the oath of John Stinson and continued for further proof."

DEED FROM JOHN BREEDON TO MOSES DAMRON, 1796

"To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Know ye that I John Breeden have Bargain and sold unto Moses Damron a certain tract or parcel of land containing two hundred acres more or less by Survey bearing date for the Day of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six lying and being in the County of Rusell on the north side of his settlement Right on Both Sides of Clinch River and Bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a Stake corner to his settlement right and with the line thereof North seventeen degrees East twenty seven poles to two white oaks on a knob North Eighty one Degrees East fifty one poles to Buckeye sugar tree and white oak south fifty degrees East forty two poles to an Elm Mulberry & Beech by the ford of the River thence Running Down the meanders of said river to an Ash and two Sugar trees on the river Bank thence Down the river North eighty Eight degrees West Seventy four poles south ten Degrees West seventy poles Crosing (?) the river to an ash and mulberry in the mouth of a Gap of a ridge South Seventy nine Degrees West forty poles to two red oaks & a Dogwood on the top of a ridge South fifty three Degrees west one hundred and twenty poles to a Buckeye Bush and Linn by Weavers Creek South eighty six degrees West two hundred and eighty poles to the Beginning with its appurtenances to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of Land with its appurtenances to the said Moses Damron and his heirs forever it being for the Consideration of sixty pounds paid in hand in Witness whereof I set my hand and seal this Forth Day of October in the Year of our Lord 1796 (Signed) JOHN BREEDEN (SEAL). Witness present. ALLDEN (his mark) WILLIAMS, ALn SMITH, GEORGE McKAY. (Deed Book 2, p. 250, Russell Co., Va.)

"At February Court 1797, This Indenture of Bargain and Sale of Land from John Breeden to Moses Damron was exhibited in Court and proved by the oaths of George McKay and Alden Williams & Continued for further proof. Teste NATHAN ELLINGTON, DCRC."

DEED FROM MOSES DAMRON TO JOHN TALLETT, 1798

"This Indenture made the thirty first day of December Seventeen hundred and ninety eight between Moses Damron Jnr of FLEMING COUNTY and the State of Kentucky of the one part and John Tallet of Wythe County and State of Virginia of the other part, WITNESSETH that the same Moses Damron for the sum of one hundred pounds the Receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath Bargained sold and delivered and by these presents doth bargain sell and deliver unto the said Tallet a certain tract of land containing two hundred acres more or less being a part of a Tract of Land of three hundred acres granted by the Commonwealth to John Bredon by Patent bearingdate the Seventeenth day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety two, lying and being in the County of Russell on Clinch River and bounded as followeth towit: Begining at a Stake corner to the said John Bredons settlement right and with the lines thereof N 17° twenty seven poles to two White Oaks on a Knob N 81° E 56 poles to a Buckeye Sugartree and White Oak S 50° E 42 poles to an Elm Mulberry and Beech by the Ford of the River thence down the River according to its Courses and Meanders to an Ash and two sugar trees on the South Branch of the River thence down the River N 88° W 74 poles S 10° W 70 poles croping (?) the River to an Ash and Mulberry in the mouth of a Gap of a Ridge S 79° W 40 poles running through the Gap to two Red Oaks and a dogwood on the top of a Ridge S 53° W 120 poles to a Buckeye beech and Lynn by Weaver Creek S 86° W 280 poles to the Beginning with its Appurtenances To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land with its appurtenances to him the said John Tallett to be by him enjoyed and possessed as a free clear and _____ right of inheritance in fea semble and further the said Moses Damron doth by these presents bind himself his heirs executors and Administrators forever to Warrant and defend the said Tract of Land to the sole use and behood of the said John Tallett his heirs and assigns against the Claims of all persons whatsoever. In Witness Whereof the said Moses Damron and Sarah his wife hath hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written. (Signed) MOSES DAMRON (SEAL, SARAH DAMRON (SEAL).

"Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of JOHN STINSON,C.HALLIDAY, ABRAHAM MUSICK (X), MARTIN (His Mark) HANAKER, JOEL COOK.

"At a Court held for Russell County June 24th 1800 This Indenture of Bargain and sale of land for Moses Damron and Mary his wife to John Tallett was produced in Court and proven by the oaths of Charles Halliday and Joel Cook witnesses thereto and thereupon ordered to be recorded. Tests. NATHAN ELLINGTON, D.C."

(Note by Alimae Aiken: This should be Sarah instead of Mary as written above May be a mistake of the clerk. Deed Book 3, p. 156, Russell County, Va.)

Court Orders Book 3, p. 63, June Court, 1800: "An Indenture of bargain and sale of land from Moses Damron and Sarah his wife to John Tallet was again produced in court and proven by the oaths of Charles Halliday & Joel Cook witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded."

SHERIFF'S DEED FOR LAND OF MOSES DAMRON IN TAX ARREARS, 1815

"This Indenture made the first day of March between Samuel Ewing Sheriff of Russell County on behoof of the Commonwealth of Virginia of the one part and Andrew McHenry of the County of Scott of the other part Witnesseth that the said Samuel Ewing Sheriff and aforesaid, having at the May June and July terms of the said County Court in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen advertised a sale of the lands and lots in the said County returned delinquient for the non payment of the taxes accuring since the year 1787 pursuant to the twenty fourth section of an Act of the General Assembly dated the ninth day of Feby one thousand eight hundred and fourteen entitled An Act to Amend and Explain the Act Entitled an Act Concerning Taxes on Lands and having also published pursuant to the twenty fifth section of the same act of Assembly a copy of the advertisement in one of the newspapers printed in the City of Richmond, did at the August term then next ensuing proceed to sell one tract of land lying in the said County of Russell containing five hundred acres taxed in the name of Moses Damron and returhed as delinquient for the year 1798 &1799, the taxes whereupon together with ten per centum per annum damages amounting to the sum of 28 cents. No part of the aforesaid sums having been previously paid to the said Sheriff or his deputy and no property being found in the said County subject to distress therefor, whereupon the same was bid off by the said Andrew McHenry for the amount _____ hereof the said taxes & damages no person offering the amount of taxes and damages aforesaid for a less quanity of either of the aforesaid tract of land. Now therefore the said Samuel Ewing Sheriff as aforesaid as well in consideration of the premises aforesaid and the injunctions of the said Act of Assembly as the said several sums to him in hand paid by the said Andrew McHenry doth hereby convey to the said Andrew McHenry his heirs & etc. forever, all the right title and interest to the said several tracts of land which the Commonwealth had at the time of the sale aforesaid in virtue of the several laws relating to the imposition of Taxes on Lands. But it is to be distinctly understood between the parties to these presents that the said Samuel Ewing or his deputy Colbird Fugate is in no ways bound for the title of said lands in his private capacity but merely as Sheriff for the Commonwealth. In Witness whereof the said Samuel Ewing, Sheriff of Russell County, hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his seal the day and year first above written. (Signed) SAML. EWING, S.R.C. (SEAL), April 6, 1816. Book 5,p. 416.

"Russell County Clerk's Office. This Indenture of bargain and sale from Samuel Ewing Sheriff of Russell County to Andrew McHenry was acknowledged before me by the said Sheriff as his act and deed and admitted to record. HENRY DICKINSON, CRC."

(Note by A.A. The Dickenson on trial in Washington for collaboration in Korea is of this old family in Russell. Above Dickinson was the first clerk of Russell County and later a county was named Dickinson.)

MOSES DAMRON'S 500 ACRES SOLD FOR $6.64 1/4, 1815, RUSSELL COUNTY, VA.

"Clerk for McHenry to Rect. Damron $5.81 1/4 for 500 acres.

"July the 8th, 1816, Rec'd from Christopher Gose six dollars 26 1/2 cents in full for the redemption of a tract of land containing 500 acres, lying in Russell County, returned delinquent in the name of Moses Damron for the non -payment of the Revenue taxes prior to theyear 1815 which was sold by the Sheriff of s'd County ggreeable to law to Andrew McHenry of Scott County, Holston Springs, for the amount of taxes and damages remaining unpaid as appears from the statement of the Sheriff made in the year 1815 recorded in the Clerk's office of said County.

"Taxes and damages	$ 00:28 1/4
Fee for furnishing Sheriff with list	25
Executing and recording deed & Memorial	2.93
	3.46 1/4
Interest thereon at ___ p. cent. per. ann.	1.53
Transfur by Com^{r}	75
Taxes charged the purchasing	7
	5:81 1/4
Clerks fee & Com.	83
	6:64 1/4

(Paid to H.D.) (Signed) HENRY DICKERSON, C.R.C." (Deed Book 5, p. 397, Russell Co.)

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Moses Damron of Russell County, Va. had the following children:

1. Moses Damron m. Jennie Mullins in 1812, and had six children. In 1826 they lived for two years in Illinois but decided to return home but the parents both died on the Ohio River. Sarah Damron Adair said Moses was "a great Indian fighter and was employed by the government as a scout and spy during the war with the Shawnees and Delawares. He performed great deeds of daring and bravery which were recognized by the government." This may refer to his father Moses, or both of them may have been famous Indian scouts, as the other Damrons were. Moses followed the Big Sandy river into Pike County, Ky. Their children were: Moses, William, Solomon, Sarah, Louisa, Elizabeth. Sarah m. Thomas Owens, sheriff of Pike County, Ky. They moved to Missouri and in 1843 went on the Oregon Trail from Independence, Mo.

Solomon King Damron (1826) took his family from Pike County, Ky. to Greenup County, in April, 1871, according to the History of Greenup County, Ky. by M. L. Mackey. He lived at Siloam where three generations remained. He m. Martha Ann Layne (1833) in Pike County in 1851, and their children were:

(1) Mary m. William L. Davidson of St. Paul, Minn. 1877.
(2) Belle m. C. J. Henderson, of Gallipolis, Ohio, 1879, killed in boat.
(3) Annie m. Caleb Dusenbury of Huntington, W.Va. 1892, and they had two children, Burmah and Martha.
(4) James, a merchant in Catlettsburg, where he m. (1) Emma Clinefelter in 1881, and (2) Edith Beltin of Cincinnati.
(5) Joseph Randolph m. Lucy David Biggs, dau. of William and Rebecca King Biggs at Mt. Zion, and they lived in Huntington, W.Va.
(6) Richard m. Neola Peters of Montgomery, W.Va. where they lived.
(7) Robert O. (1866) m. Mollie Gordon (1871-1939) of Tygart in 1892. He lived on his father's farm after the latter's death, and his children grew up in Siloam: Paul, Kate, Lucy, William, Harry and Raymond. Paul did not marry and lived in Portsmouth. Kate m. Howard B.Campbell of Sommersville, W.Va. and their children were: Joan Damron, Mary Elizabeth and James. Lucy m. Wm. Caldwell and lives in Waverly, O., ch. Robert, Mrs. June Anderson of Columbia, William and Raymond. Harry lives in Webster Springs, W. Va.

Alimae Aiken made another trip to Russell Co., Va., on her way to Texas, and found the following in some old land books:

Land entry book No. 2, p. 6, Oct. 1, 1798, Moses Damrel transfers his entry of fifty acres of land made page 27 book A by part of Warrant No. 11797 and also fifty acres being part of his entry made page 36 in Entry Book No. A, by part of land office Treasury Warrant No. 15172 to James Roberts."

Moses Damrell, Apr. 1788, p. 17, b. A. Moses Damrell enters 50 acres of land by virtue of _____ warrant No. 11797, beginning on Staton Creek jjoining Grey's line running up sd. creek for 50 acres.

Apr. 18, 1788, Book A. Moses Damrell withdraws his entry of fifty acres of land in page 17, Warrant 11797, and re-enters the same on Butcher's Branch and running down the river for compliments along Robertson's line.

Book A, p. 36, Sept. 21, 1788. Moses Damrell, Assignee of I. Brackenridge enters by virtue of Land Office Treasury Warrant No. 15172, 100 acres of Land keeping the same proportion with his entry made in page 27.

Book A, p. 124, Feb. 7, 1793. Moses Damrell withdraws fifty acres of his one hundred acre entry made page 36, by part of Warrant No. 15172 and reenters the same fifty acres by the same Warrant in the name of David Fanning lying in Russell County to begin at the corner of a survey made for John Bannin lying under the paintlick Mountains on the open line and entering upwards on both sides of the Maiden Spring fork.

P. 218, B. A, July 21, 1796. Lazarus Damrell, assignee of Peter Hanaker enters fifty acres of land by virtue of part of Land Office Treasury Warrant No. 1973 dated Dec. 20th, 1781, lying in Russell County, adjoining the land of William Johnson and on both sides of Lewises Creek & including the Cave Hollow.

P. 230, Book A, 1797, Apr. 29. Lazarus Damrell withdraws his entry of fifty acres made page 218 July 21, 1796, and replaces it in the name of Peter Hanaker."

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MOSES DAMERON OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Alimae Aiken also visited Christiansburg in Montgomery County, Va. which was formed from Fincastle and found the following:

Law Order Book, 1773, Damrin Moses, Pl.--William Herbert Df. B. 1, p. 22, 49, 84, 120, Judgment etc. B. 1, p. 22, Fincastle Co. Mar. 3, 1774. Moses Damrin against William Herbert, IN CASE: The defendant not appearing on the motion of the plaintiff by his attorney a plurias Capias is awarded him against the said Defendant returnable here the next court.

B. 1, p. 49, The Court Held for Fincastle County, May 5, 1773. Moses Damrin, Plaintif, against William Herbert, Defendant, IN CASE: Thus came the plaintif by his Attorney and the defendant being called and not appearing, It Is Ordered that Judgment be entered against for the plaintif against the said defendant and William Preston Sherif of this County for the debt in the declaration mentioned and cost unless the defendant appear at next Court and Plead.

B. 1, p. 84, 1773. Moses Dameron against William Herbert, IN DEF. William Herbert by his Attorney said that he did not assume in manner and form as the plaintif against him hath complained of and of this he puts himself upon the country and time is given the plaintif til the next Court to Consider the plea and the Plaintif Joining in the Issue the Trial thereof is referred til next Court.

THE DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS DAMERON, WILL 1766, WICOMICO PARISH
WHO HAD SONS, LAZARUS, AARON, JOSEPH, THOMAS AND MOSES.

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, m. Dorothy _____, was in Northumberland Co., Va. 1652.

II. BARTHOLOMEW m.Elizabeth, prob. dau. of Christopher Garlington. He d.1708.

III. JOHN, youngest son, Will 1743, also lived in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Taylor in 1728. She m. 2d George Flowers.

1. Bartholomew Will 1807 m. Mary Waddy. Their son Thomas m. Nancy Ann Ball and moved to Kentucky 1810, Bourbon Dounty. One son was named John Thent 1800-1829.
2. Joseph, Will 1759, m. Elizabeth Waddy, had one child, Nancy.
3. John, Will 1777, died Halifax Co., N.C. m. Sarah or Sukey Tignor. His ch. were Christopher, heir, Sarah, Judith, Betty m. Williams, Tignor, a Rev. soldier, sold land in Halifax 1789, Joseph and John. The two latter may be the ancestors of the Damerons of Lincoln County, Tenn., both having sons named John, James and William. Joseph m. Haynie, prob. Elizabeth. One desc. of John was Jasper W. Dameron who moved from Tenn. to Illinois, his son being William J. Dameron of Union Co., Ill. who said his branch were related to the John Damron b. 1757 family of Illinois.
4. Thomas, Will 1766 (see below.)

IV. THOMAS, son of above John Will 1743, had his will dated 1766, which cut off all his sons with five shillings, except Thomas, the sole heir. This seems to indicate they were grown and perhaps had moved away. The others were "Jo.", Lazarus, Aron, Moses. The father lived in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, 1766, but it is believed that Aron, Moses and perhaps Thomas went to Lancaster, where their grandmother, dau. of Thomas Taylor, had owned considerable property inherited from her father.

1. Aron, probably in Lancaster County, Va. on the 1783 tax list, with 6 whites, no black; along with Moses with 6 white, no slaves. In the 1790 census of Lancaster we find Damerons, Thomas, Moses, Aaron--also John,William, Dennis, Samuel and Rachel (widow of John Dameron Will 1782 in Lancaster, and sister of Lott Palmer.

2. Thomas, heir to his father's will, perhaps in Lancaster 1790 census. A Thomas of Lancaster served in the Virginia Navy and his son Dennis was his heir about 1834. Aaron was also in the Revolution, invalided home from 3d company of militia. (P. 76, Part One). Moses was also a soldier in 1777, Lancaster. Nottingham's History of Lancaster Rev. Soldiers says Aaron Dameron m. Elizabeth Perkins, no date given.

3. Moses, perhaps in 1790 in Lancaster County, Va. However, I believe that he and his brothers Lazarus and "Jo." went to new land in other areas. I believe Moses was listed in the 1782-5 tax list in Montgomery County, Va. in 1782, though he may still have resided in Lancaster while owning land in Montgomery, as a Revolutionary soldier. He may have moved to Washington County, Va. 1786.

4. Joseph or "Jo." which might conceivably be "John", in which case I would think it the John b. 1757. I believe this Joseph was in Boutetourt County, Va. in Capt. Pryor's Company of Militia 1782. He could have had the land grant in Green County, Tenn. (formerly in N.C.), a Quaker center, 1783. In either case he might have been the father of John b. 1757 who named his first son Joseph b. 1781.

5. Lazarus. I have found no other Lazarus except in Albemarle and Kentucky.

PART TWO:
THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY.

THE DESCENDANTS OF LAZARUS DAMERON OF RUSSELL COUNTY, VA. AND KENTUCKY

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Northumberland County, Va. before 1652, with his wife, Dorothy, and children, Bartholomew, George, Thomas, Samuel, Lawrence, and Dorothy who married Josias Gaskins and Samuel Mahan.

II. GEORGE DAMERON, who inherited the manor house at Guarding Point in Northumberland County, Va. of his father. He m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, and their children were Col. Thomas, 1683-1750, of Wicomico Parish, Elizabeth m. Charles Ingram, Lazarus d. 1749 Albemarle Co., Va. George, inventory 1721, m. Margaret Taylor.

III. LAZARUS DAMERON, who was the first to sell his ancestral acres in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va. He died in Albemarle County, Va. 1749. His wife was Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Smith of Northumberland. Their children were: Judith m. 1753 Noble Ladd (their daughter Anne, m. her cousin Capt. John Damron b. 1757); George, whose descendants still live in Nelson, Amherst and near Albemarle, as well as in Adair County, Ky. and elsewhere; Richard, died without children; John, died 1757, whose son Charles was in the 2d Virginia Regiment in the Revolution; Hannah; Moses; Winifred m. John Thomas of Albemarle.

IV. MOSES DAMERON, son of above Lazarus, who said in his will 1749 in Albemarle County, Va. I give "to son Moses all houses and lands but in case he has no heirs to John Dameron." His brother Richard in his will left all his clothes to Moses in 1749, also, which seemed to be a time of sudden death and tragedy. There is no record of the sale of this property inAlbemarle, nor that this Moses left Virginia, but we have no record of him in Albemarle after he had a plot of 175 acres surveyed June 15, 1761, on the branches of Red Bank and Damron's Creeks in Albemarle.

I. MOSES DAMERON, who was in Russell County, Va. after the Revolution with Capt. John Damron of the 72d Regiment of militia, and with Richard and Lazarus Damron. In 1798 Moses Damron was in Fleming County, Ky. with his wife Sarah.

2. Probably Capt. JOHN DAMRON b. 1757, Revolutionary soldier, m. Anne Ladd.

3. Richard Damron, who was in Russell County, Va. 1796, and had a land grant on Shelby Creek May 18, 1808, Floyd County, Ky. 260 acres, where descendants still live.

4. Lazarus Dameron or Damron, of Russell County, Va. and Kentucky.

V. LAZARUS DAMERON was an Indian scout in Washington County,"who enlisted 1780 in the Revolution for one year, under Col. Campbell and Capt. Snody. Campbell went to Kings Mt. Lazarus Dameron enlisted the second time when Fraley did and they served together as comrades. He was with James Fraley "resident of Lawrence County, Ky." who was "nine months an Indian spy in Washington Co., Va. and enlisted March,1779. "The man who spied with him about a year was Lazarus Dameron." The children of Lazarus Damron were: Samuel m. Caudice Copley, descendant of Josiah Markham of Washington County, Va. a Revolutionary soldier; Moses who went to Texas; John Tom who also went West; William, who went West; Jane m. Stephen Marcum; Paulina m. Stone, ____ m. Hager of Kentucky; Lazarus, who lived in West Virginia, and had a son Ezekial, whose son Rediford teaches at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Rediford wrote that he came of ancestry which had a "large family of boys. One settled on Shelby Creek, Pike County, Ky. one settled in Wayne County, W. Va., that is where my family came from. One settled in Laurence County, Ohio. Lazarus, my grandfather, had a brother M ses and one named Sam. My father married a McGuire of Louisia, Ky., near Wayne Co., W. Va."

THE DAMERON PIONEERS IN KENTUCKY

V. LAZARUS DAMERON, son of Moses, not of Thomas Dameron and mentioned in his will of 1766 of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va. (Lawrence[1] Bartholomew[2] John[3] Thomas[4]). It seems likely that he was the Indian scout of Washington County, Va. who went to Floyd County, Kentucky, along the Big Sandy River, about 1790. (See page 44, Part Two). He was with James Fraley, in a note sent by Ruth Dorius: "James Fraley, resident of Lawrence County, Ky. served under Col. Wm. Campbell and Capt. Snody; was nine months an Indian spy in Washington Co., Va. and enlisted Mar. 3, 1779. "The man who spied with him about a year was Lazarus Dameron who enlisted April 1780 for one year in Washington Co. under Col. Campbell and Capt. Snody. Campbell went to Kings Mt. Lazarus Dameron enlisted the second time when Fraley did and they served together as comrades."

She also sent notes from Gwathmey's book on the Kings Mountain men, including 'George Dameron, under Maj. Chronicle at Kings Mountain who took part in several other engagements. He was pensioned in Lincoln County. Descendants are in N.C. and East. Tennessee."

"Darnell, David and Cornelius, were under Campbell. David was wounded. His will was in Washington County, 1785. Lawrence Danrell was a surveyor who went to Fincastle in 1774 and is supposed to have been in the battle of Point Pleasant. (We have Moses Damerin in Fincastle.) In the 1780's many Revolutionary soldiers flocked to Washington County and region, employed to fight Indians. The frontier soldiers who fought at Kings Mountain were: Wm. Been, Jacob Brown, John Carter, Zach. Isbell, John Jones, John McCormick, Rob. Lucas, James Robertson, Wm. Clark (on 9th Va. pay roll), James Cooper, Abr. Cox., Edw. Cox, John Cox Sr. and Jr., and Wm. Cox, Crockett, David and Wm., Thomas Dedman (Richard was on the pay roll), Drury Goodman, John and Joseph Dunham, Rice Durron (We have a Rice Damron in Ky. grants in the 1820's I believe), John Moore, Dan, Gideon, Shardick Morris, Jos. Isaac Wilson, James Stuart." Note also that John Moore was a witness at the marriage of Sarah Moore, daughter of William, and John Dameron in 1804 in Campbell County, Va. The Clarks were the first settlers in Lynchburg, Va. which was a Quaker settlement and Sarah Clark was the wife of the Lynch for whom it was named.

Capt. Thomas Walker, Jr. who was commander of the company in the 9th Virginia to which John Damron belonged in 1776, was the son of Thomas Walker,"represent. of Hanover, Louisa, and Albemarle Cos." (Notes from Ruth Dorius), Gwathmey's Tw ve Virginia Counties. The father Dr. Thomas Walker was the leader of the first band of explorers in Kentucky, and was born in King and Queen Co. and lived in Albemarle County. There was also Capt. Wm. Walker of Orange Co. Gwathmey also notes that Judge Richard Henderson was born and reared in Hanover Co., Va. He was the chief of the land company that purchased half the state of Kentucky and employed Daniel Boone to open up the path for settlers. Judge Henderson moved to N.C. (where he lived near the Moodys.) Gwathmey also says Merriwether Lewis and Wm. Clark were from Albemarle and Caroline Counties. (These were the Lewis and Clark Expedition leaders.) "H. Dudley was schooled at William and Mary to train troops. Was son of Duke of Northumberland."

Thomas Fleming was commander in Dec. 1776 of Capt. Walker's company, which John Damron was in. Gwathmey says that in 1775 Goochland Co. Va. honored its distinguished citizen Thomas Fleming. Augusta County, Va. men commissioned by Washington: Andrew Lewis, Brig. Gen. Thomas Fleming, Col. Wm. Lewis, Col. and George Mathews, Col. We maynote that this company was under Col. Geo. Matthews in 1777, and Peter Muhlenberg Bg. (See p. 14 pay bill of Part Two.) Ruth Dorius noted "this reads like Thomas Fleming in Goochland was the father of the Thomas in Augusta."

V. LAZARUS, son of Thomas Dameron, mentioned in his will 1766, in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va. (Lawrence[1] Bartholomew[2] John[3] Thomas[4]). It is likely that he was the Indian scout in western Virginia about 1790, who followed the Big Sandy River into Floyd County, Ky., and was a scout for Daniel Boone. Of course, this Lazarus might also be a grandson of the Lazarus of Albemarle County, Va. as the names in this family, Moses and Richard are similar to Albemarle names, and also the family in Kentucky of Rediford Dameron has a tradition that they came from Norfolk which might mean a connection with the Ladds from Norfolk, related to Anna Ladd, wife of John Damron b. 1757. It is frequent to confuse the history of maternal and paternal lines. This Lazarus was in Washington and other counties and his descendants or those of the family lived in Kentucky. (A John Damron witnessed a will 1780 in Washington County, Va. (Annals of S.W. Va., by Sumners.) Other families in Washington County, 1780, were familiar: McCormack, Lathin, Gill, Rogers, Thompsons and Morris. Also in Washington County Moses Dameron in 1786 was on Gravely Lick Branch, and H.C. Dameron was minister 1881.) Now the theory may be that Lazarus, Moses, Joseph and John or several of them travelled in much the same direction toward Tennessee and Kentucky and Illinois, with their cousins or brothers. There was also a John Damron on the 1810 census of Monroe County, West Virginia.

1. Lazarus of Kentucky must have been a son of above Lazarus, though I have no record of this. Sarah Damron Adair said her father, Moses, had brothers Richard and Lazarus who migrated with him to Kentucky on the Big Sandy River. Rediford Dameron of the Univ. of Ky. said "My father was Zeke Damron (Ezekial), the son of Lazarus Damron... large family of boys... 1 settled on Shelby Creek, Pike County; 1 settled in Wayne Co., W. Va., that is where my family came from. 1 settled in Laurence County, Ohio. Lazarus, my grandfather, had a brother Moses and one named Sam. My father married a McGuire of Louisia, Ky., near Wayne Co., W.Va." Now, Daniel Boone was employed by Richard Henderson (of Warren County, N.C.) in 1769 to open up the wilderness trail to "Transylvania", the new settlement in Kentucky, though before this Dr. Thomas Walker had explored Virginia (perhaps father of Capt. Thomas Walker under whom John Damron served in 1776.) I believe this Thos. Walker was ofAlbemarle of the Daniel Boone era. Boone died 1820, so a contemporary of his could not very well be the father of Rediford's father, Rediford being only 41 in 1952.

(1) Ezekiel, son of Lazarus, m. ____ McGuire of Louisia, Ky., near Wayne County, and had three children, Pem, Rebecah, and Luther, now living at Millard, Pike County, Ky. He m. 2d Nan Deskins of Pike Co., and they had two girls, "Virgie and Harriet, both living, and four boys--John, Lacy, named for Lazarus, and Bob, all dead. Lacy died Sept. 7, 1952, and Bob died 1947."

2. Richard, brother of Lazarus. Mariam Damron Cropper corresponded with John Wess Dameron 94 and sister Cordie Damron Benson, age 96, whose great-grandfather was Dick, there being one named Mose of the same generation. Dick had a son Buck, father of Alex, who was father of above still living brother and sister. Jillson shows Land grant in Kentucky, Floyd Co., Shelby Creek, for Richard Dameron, 5-18-1808. (See p. 45, Part Two.)

3. Moses, brother of Richard and Lazarus, m. Jennie Mullins in 1812, and had children Moses, Sarah, Louisa, Elizabeth, William, Solomon. In 1826 they moved to Illinois for two years but died in returning to Kentucky, leaving a family of orphans. The story is gold by Sarah Damron Adair. (See p. 43, Part Two.)Sarah b. Jan. 8,1818, inKentucky, was oldest daughter and at sixteen m. Thomas Owens, sheriff of Pike Co., Ky. Two children, Thomas and Diana were born there, then they moved to Van Buren County, Mo. where Bethinia was b. 1840. In the spring of 1843 they joined the immigrants going to Oregon along the Oregon Trail from Independence, Mo.

DEED FROM GEORGE HATFIELD TO LAZARUS DAMERON, 1794, RUSSELL COUNTY, VA.

"This Indenture made the 12th day of Aug in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, between George Hatfield and Sarah his wife of Lee County and State of Virginia of the one part and Lazarus Dameron of Russell County and state aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said George Hatfield and Sarah his wife for and in consideration of the sum of seventy three pounds Current money of Virginia to them in hand paid the receipt whereof bargained and sold Unto the s'd Lazarus Dameron his heirs and assigns one certain tract or parcel of Land containing one hundred acres lying and being in the County of Russell in New Garden on both sides of Lewis Creek and bounded as followeth, towit, Beginning at two white oaks on the edge of a bottom on corner of John Neal's land and with his line N 35° E 31 poles craping the Creek to two Spanish oaks and a hickory on the North side of a steep spurr S 82° E 26 poles leaving s'd line to a hickory and a mulberry in a hollow S 340 E 79 poles to three white oaks on the top of a rocky spurr N 50° W 32 poles to a black oak sugar tree and dogwood near s'd Neals field S 45° W 85 poles craping the creek to a large white oak and dogwood on the East side of a ridge N 85° W 75 poles to a large white oak on the North side of a ridge near the head of a hollow N 140 W 53 poles to two white oaks on the north side of a branch N 56° W 11 poles to two sugar trees and buckeye saplings by said branch N 61° E 130 poles along the foot of a ridge of knobs to the beginning, With the appurtenances thereunto belonging to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances thereto belonging to the sole use and behoof of the said Lazarus Dameron, his heirs and assigns forever and the said George Hatfield and Sarah his wife for themselves and their heirs doth covenant with the said Lazarus Dameron his heirs and assigns that the said George Hatfield and Sarah his wife and their heirs the s'd tract or parcel of Land with its appurtenances unto the s'd Lazarus Dameron his heirs and assigns will forever warrant and defend in witness whereof the said George Hatfield and Sarah his wife have hereunto subscribed their Seals the day and year first above written. GEORGE G. HATFIELD (SEAL), SARAH X HATFIELD (SEAL.) (Deed Book 2, p. 37.)

"At a Court held for Russell County, August 25th, 1795, this Indenture of bargain and sale from George Hatfield and Sarah his wife to Lazarus Dameron was produced in court and its probate certified by the Clerk of Lee County and thereupon was ordered to be recorded. Teste HENRY DICKENSON, C.R.C."

DEED FROM LAZARUS DAMRON TO PATRICK KENDRICK, 1805, RUSSELL COUNTY, VA.

"This Indenture made the 5th day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and five, Between Lazarus Damron and Nancy his wife of the County of Floyd and State of Kentucky of the one part and Patrick Kendrick of the County of Russell of the other part Witnesseth That the said Lazarus Damron and Nancy his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Seventy three pounds current money to them in hand paid the receipt where of they do hereby acknowledge have granted bargained and sold unto the said Patrick Kendrick a certain tract or parcel of land containing one ninety nine acres lying and being in the County of Russell in New Garden on both sides of Lewis Creek and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at two white oaks on the edge of a hollow or corner of John Neal's land and with his line N 85° East 31 poles craping the creek to two Spanish Oaks and a Hickory and Mulberry in a hollow South 34° E 79 poles to three white oaks on a west side of a grassey ridge South 57° W 39 poles to a white walnut and black oak sapling on the top of a rocky spurr N 50° W 32 poles to a black oak sugar tree and dogwood near said Neal's field S 50° W 85 poles craping the creek to a large white oak and dogwood on the east side of a ridge North 85° 75 poles to a large white oak on the north side of a ridge near the head of a hollow N 14° West 53 poles to two white oaks on the North side of a branch N 56° West 11 poles to two sugar trees

amd buckeye sapling by said branch N 61° E 13 poles along the foot of a ridge of knobbs to the beginning with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to have and to hold with the appurtenances the said tract or parcel of land to the sole use of the said Patrick Kendrick his heirs and assigns forever and the said Lazarus Damron and Nancy his wife for themselves and their heirs doth warrant and defend the said tract or parcel of land from the claims of all persons whatever unto the said Patrick Kendrick his heirs and assigns forever, In Witness where of the said Lazarus Damron and Nancy his wife have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day and year aforesaid (Signed) LAZARUS DAMRON (SEAL), NANCY DAMRON (SEAL).

"At Russell November Court 1805. This Indenture of bargain and sale of land from Lazarus Damron and Nancy his wife to Patrick Kendrick was acknowledged in Court by the said Lazarus and Nancy his wife being privily examined as the Law directs was thereupon order'd to be recorded. Teste H. DICKENSON, C.R.C."

(Deed Book 3, p. 689, Russell County, Va. Court Orders Book 3, p. 460 had: "An Indenture of bargain and sale of land from Lazarus Damron and Nancy his wife to Patrick Kendricks was acknowledged in Court by the said Lazarus and Nancy his wife being privily examined as the Law directs & ordered to be recorded, November Court, 1805.)

COURT CASE OF LAZARUS DAMRON VS. CHRISTOPHER HAINS, 1809

Court Book 4, p. 84, September 5, 1809:

"LAZARUS DAMRON, Plaintiff	)	In Trespass
against	)	Ass^{lt} & Battery.
CHRISTOPHER HAINS, Defendant	)	

"By concent of the parties it is ordered that this suit be dismist at the Defendants costs."

POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM REUBEN SMITH TO LAZARUS DAMRON

Will Book 3, p. 17, Russell County, Virginia:

"Know all men by these presents that I Reuben Smyth, do hereby constitute and ordain and appoint, my True friend Lazarus Damron My True and Lawful Attorny for me and in my name and to my use, to prosecute one or more Suits, against James Morgan of Floyd County Kentucky, for to recover damage for any injury I may have suffered in consequence, of an attachment, which he thesaid James Morgan has Issued against me, and to Employ one or more attornys as my said friend may deem proper, hereby satisfying all and every acts which my said attorny may lawfully do in my name. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of November 1813. By RUBEN (his mark) SMITH.

"Virginia, At a Court held for Russell County the 3d day of November, 1813, This power of attorney for Reuben Smith to Lazarus Damron was acknowledged in Court by the said Reuben and ordered to be recorded. Teste JAMES P. CARROL, D.C."

(Note by Alimae Aiken: The Damrons today in Russell, Wise and Dickinson Counties are all nice looking people, very dark eyes and clear, dark olive skin. Mr. Banscom Damron resembles my handsome brothers (deceased) and there is one photo in your book, a young Kentucky Dameron, which is very much like my oldest brother Elmer Damron Aiken." She listed:"Mr. John Crit Dameron, Clintwood, Dickenson Co., Va. a splendid old man of about 75 years or more (wife living), came from near Pikeville, Ky. I enjoyed talking with him. His brothers and sisters: Floyd, Harvey, Oxier, Elizabeth (Mrs. Moore, lived near Clintwood), Ressie Dameron (Mrs. Stone), living near Clintwood, James M. Jackson Dameron. His father was William M. (Met) Dameron, whose brothers were William, Harvey and James (?). His grandfather was Reuben Dameron (?).")

Nell Elkins Pearce sent the following information to Ruth Dorius: "I received the following letter from a lady who was reared in Illinois, Williamson County, ar I am wondering if this John Tom that she mentions is not the John T. that we have so many notes on from Kentucky. She said:

"I am sure that my gr-father's father came to Wayne Co., West Va. (it was ther Virginia) in 1826, he said they stayed awhile in Russell county, then came on through the Breaks of Sandy, the old Savage grant. This land was given for service in the Rev. War. I have been told recently that gr-father Samuel's father was named Lazarus and his father was Moses. I know that my gr-father Samuel had a half-brother named Lazarus. I was very young when I heard about it, sc could be mistaken but do not think I am. I believe your John was a brother to one of those older ones--grandfather had a brother named John Tom (see the John T.) an William (who told tall tales). Tom and William went West when young. My father's oldest brother (half bro.) was named Moses, he also went to Texas in the early 80's and was gone 24 years, otherwise the family kept close to West V. and Va.

"My grandfather, Samuel Damron m. Caudice (or Dicey) Copley whose mother was Rebecca Marcum, her father was Stephem Marcum, son of Josiah Marcum, a Rev. soldier whose wf. was E. MacDonald. Judge James Dameron has died as has his sister Edna Thompson (Damron). They were children of George Washington Dameron, and were cousins (distant), our relationship I am sure stems from a brother on my great-grandfather Lazarus, or from great-great Moses, I will do my best to find the man, records, deeds, willetc. are at Wayne County, W. Va. court house. I do not believe this would help as I believe the connection is earlier or it could be grandfather's brother, or an uncle as I remember the story they started from Northumberland County, Virginia, came on to Russell county, then in 1821, when grandfather Samuel was age 8 years old, came to Wayne county. Grandfather Samuel's brother Lazarus lived close to the family all his life. I am sure the Ladd line is not related to me directly. My father Jameson, son of Samuel and Caudice Copley. Grandfather's sisters (gr. Samuel) Jane married Stephen Marcum, gr-son of Josiah, Paulina m. Samuel Stone. One I do not remember name of married Hager from Ky. I will go to the Newberry Library in Chicago this coming week and see what I can dig up. I am also trying to locate one of my cousins whohad the Family Bible. I am nearly 72 and must hurry and do all I can to finish our Damron line, my gr-father Samuel lived to be 91. I have no such expectations. Why, oh why, didn't I think of all this when our country was full of old and young Damerons?

"Have you ever run across the name Nairy MacInery or McInerney. She married a Dameron, maybe Lazarus or Moses, and then came to Wayne County, Va. (then Logan County) about 1821. There are still some Nairy names of girls down there. If you have anything on Lazarus or Moses coming to the western part of Va. from Northumberland County, Albemarle, or Russell Cos. please let me know, and I will write you whatever I find.'"

Note by Ruth Dorius: There was a family of Markim in Franklin Co., Ill. 1818.

Ruth Dorius received a letter from John W. Damron (looks as if he wrote it Damyon), Rural Hall, N.C., May 1, 1953: "I received your letter in regard to information about the Damron Family. I am sorry but I cannot give you much information. I was born in Boyd County, Ky., and so was my father. I have been living in this state only a short time and do not know of any other Damron families. Sorry to not be able to help you more." (Note: Boyd Co. organized 1860 from Mason, logical county for Damrons to be in, on the Ohio and abuts Ohio and W. Va. I keep thinking of that story of the three brothers who went down the Ohio and settled in those three states. Nell thinks one went down the Ohio to where it meets the Miss. at Cairo, then up the Miss. into Ill. Very little on Mason County, Ky. here.)

MASON COUNTY, KY. Marriage register, has lots of Berrys, no Damrons or Ladds. p. 158 Christian Shultz m. Charlotte Lee 2-24-1816. p. 116 Mary Ann Cropper m. Isham Marshall 9-22-1828.

KENTUCKY, from Jillson's Land Grants: (From Ruth Dorius.)

Darnall, Jerimiah 5,312 acres, Book 4 p. 108, 5-27-1784, Fayette County, Ky.
" Thomas, 400, Book 7, p. 79, 9-18-1783, Fayette County, Ky.
" Aron, 2,800, Book 11, p. 551, 6-23-1785, Fayette County, Ky.
Darnal, John, 844, Book 11, p. 610, 12-24-1783, Grassy Lick Creek.

(Note by Ruth Dorius: We know Thomas Dameron went to Bourbon County, Ky. 1810, and probably took out land earlier. Bourbon was cut off from Fayette 1795, I believe. No Dameron name is in Jillsons. It had to be spelled some way, and I think it was spelled Darnal in Lincoln County, Tenn. It could be traced if Thomas Dameron were on the same creek as the Dannalls. One will in Fauquier County, Va. was Morgan Darnal 1766. Notice Robertson as witness, Wm. 1771. These two names appear on that Thomas line in Northumberland County. Check David Darnal will of Washington County, Va. 1785.)

Flemings are in Fayette, Lincoln, Jefferson and Nelson Counties. Gill, John and Sam. are in Nelson and Jefferson Cos., Glenn, David, in Jefferson. McCormack, Wm. in Fayette, Daniel, John and George in Lincoln Co. McLean, Daniel, in Fayette. Stockton, George, in Fayette. Thompsons (hordes) in Fayette, Lincoln, and Jefferson. Whitaker, John, Aquilla, Elijah, in Jefferson and Nelson Counties. Wright, John, Joseph, Thomas, James, in Fayette, Ky., and Jefferson. Bledsoe, Jos., Aaron, Anthony, Moses, Wm., Abraham, in Fayette and Lincoln. Trammel, Garrard, Sr., in Logan Co. 1799 (this name is in Franklin Co., Ill. with John Damron.) Pierce, Jeremiah,in Lincoln and Thomas in Jefferson. Ross in Fayette, Lincoln and Jefferson (Ross in Ill., too, also Weakley Co.) Richardson, Daniel, in Fayette, Joseph in Jefferson and Wm. in Lincoln; Marquis and John in Jefferson Co. also Jesse, Holt and Geo. Rogers, Mercer, Garrard Ewing Duvall, John Pearce. Pruit in Pulaski Co. 1813 and 1815.

KENTUCKY TAX LIST 1790:

DANUM, OBED. Fayette Co. 3-19-1790.
DARNAL, THOS. " 12-2-1789.
Darnsby, John " 12-5-1789 (not ours as a be our Damerons.)
John Darnaby age 72 was pensioned later date in Fayette.)
DARNAL, NICHOLAS, 1799, in Warren Co.
DARNEL, DAVID, Will 1785.
(DARNALL, MORGAN, Wm., David and Jeremiah, 1766, 1771, 1786 and 1795 wills in Fququier Co., Va.)

(Note: All Darnalls of Fayette Co.moved before 1810 census of that County. Could

Mariam Cropper found the following from the History of Greenup County, Kentucky, by Mabel Lee Mackey. Boyd County was cut off from Greenup. On p. 150: Soloman King Damron (1826) brought his family from Pike Co., Ky. to Greenup Co. in April, 1871. He bought the John L. Mackey farm at Siloam and there three generations of the Damron family have lived. Mr. Damron was a good farmer, and the family was a prominent one in the Siloam neighborhood for many years. Mr. Damron married Martha Ann Layne (1833) in Pike County in 1851. The children of the family were: Mary, Belle, Annie, James, Joseph Randolph, Robert O., and Richard (Dick.) Mary married William L. Davidson of St. Paul, Minn. in 1877. Belle married C. J. Henderson of Gallipolis, O. in 1879. He was a river man and was killed in a steamboat explosion. Annie married Caleb Dusenbury of Huntington, W. Va. in 1892, and they had 2 children, Burmah and Martha. James was a merchant in Catlettsbury, where he married (1) Emma Clinefelter in 1881, (2) Edith Beltin of Cincinnati. Joseph Randolph married Lucy David Biggs, daughter of William and Rebecca King Biggs at Mt. Zion, and they made their home in Huntington, W. Va. Rickard (Dick) married Neola Peters of Montgomery, W. Va., where they lived. Robert O. (1866) married Mollie Gordon (1871-1939) of Tygart in 1892. He remained on his father's farm, and after the death of his father he took complete charge of the farm. His children were: Paul, Kate, Lucy, William, Harry and Raymond, all of whom grew up in Siloam. Paul never married and lives in Portsmouth. Kate married Howard B. Campbell of Sommersville, W. Va., and their children were: Joan Damron, Mary Elizabeth and James. Lucy married Wm. Caldwell and lives in Waverly, O. and their children are: Robert, Mrs. June Anderson of Columbua, William and Raymond. Dr. William Damron, a dentist in North Manchester, Ind., married Florence Nagel of Sciotoville, O. and they have 3 children: Rebecca, James Robert and Mary Nagel. Raymond married Bonnie Deavers of Birmingham, Ala., lives in Miami, Fla., and their children are Donald and Linda. Harry married and lives in Webster Springs, W. Va. Burma Dusenbury married Dolores _____ of Atlanta, Ga., and their daughter, Jean, is the wife of a doctor in Nashville, Tenn. Martha Dusenbury married Ben Lubin of Huntington, where they make their home.

Ruth Dorius sent the following additional names from Jillson's Kent cky:
John Denham 1807 in Barren County on Mill Creek.
David M. 1814 Casey Co. Obediah 1798 Lincoln 1818 Pulaski, Wm. Denham 1808 in Pulaski. Woodson Denham 1806 and 1807 Pulaski (compared Obed. Danum in Fayette. This could be Wilson Damron instead of Woodson Denham.
Whitaker, Mark, Jos., John, Joshua Wash. in Logan, Pulaski, Butler, Knox, Muhlenberg. 1803-1817 for Whitakers.
McCormack, Sam. 1803, Christian
McClain, Ephraim, Jr. 1799, Logan and Christian Shutt, Jacob 1800, Muhlenberg, Stockton, 1814 in Cumberland.
(Note: All Darnalls of Fayette County moved before 1810 census of that county.)

KENTUCKY TAX LIST 1790:

Whitaker, Martha, Abraham, Aquilla and Henry, 1789, Jefferson.
Shoule, Henry, Fayette, 1789, also Christian Shouse.
Shutts, John, Fayette, 1-11-1790. (Shultz was spelled many ways in Surry, N.C.)
Moody, Wm., Lincoln 4-21-1790.
Pennick, Jeremiah, Faye tte, 1790, also John and Wm.
Richardson, James and Turner in Jeff. and Fayette, also Jos. Landi, Wm. and a widow.
Boyds in Fayette.
Gill, George and John in Fayette, McGill, Alex., David, Hugh, James, John, Wm., Fayette, Wm. in Lincoln.
Majors in Bourbon Co.
Moody, Wm. in Bedford Co, will of 1795.

THE WILSON DAMRON FAMILY OF KENTUCKY, ILLINOIS, TENNESSEE AND MISSOURI

Some of the Damerons were Indian scouts and frontiersmen, and of them Wilson Dameron seems to have been the earliest in Kentucky. He "was born in Va. removed to Ky., was scout to Daniel Boone." He later removed to that section of the N. W. territory that made Illinois. He was in the employ of a fur company and at one time made exploratations into the Yellowstone River country. The maiden name of his wife was McLane. (See p. 11-a, also Johnson, Massac, Pope, Hardin Counties, Illinois, p. 465.)

I. Wilson Damron b. in Virginia and went to Kentucky with Daniel Boone.

II. CHARLES DAMRON, his son, born in Kentucky went with his parents to Illinois. "While living in Saline Co. 1818 voted for the adoption of the first constitution. After his marriage to Mary Carson, he removed to Weakly County, Tenn. where he resided until 1832, when he again came to Ill. and settled in the Tunnel Hill township on the farm now owned by John Bonar where he lived until his death in 1878. She was of Middle Tenn. and married him about 18 2. Children: J.M.C., Samuel, Norval, James, Mary, Mexico, Jane, Drucilla, Almus.

III. John M.C. Dameron, M.D. of Johnson Co., Ill. was born in Weakly County, Tenn. 2-20-1824, m. 1st Elizabeth Buckner 1850, died 1852, and had one child, Leonidas. He m. 2nd 1855, Adeline Standard who d. 1877, children: Franklin, Emma, Mollie, Jennie, Lucy, Augusta, John. He m. 3dly Adelia Knowles in 1878 d. 1887, and 4thly he m. Alice Matheny Murdock. He was a Mason, Presbyterian and Democrat and died 1911. He lived in Vienna, Illinois, in the same town as Capt. John Damron's descendants, and had lived near them in Weakley County, Tenn. earlier, which indicates a close relationship probably.

Leonidas lived in Missouri on a farm. John Franklin d. 1915, leaving no children. Emma m. Dennis Wilson of Cape Girardeau, Mo., one child being Owna. Mollie m. T. G. Johnson of Johnson Co. Ill. The children and their widowed mother moved to St. Louis, Mo.; they were Essie, Eva, Damron.

See Parts Two and Three for further information on this family. Charles Damron married Polly Carson 13 Feb. 1823. In Johnson County, Ill. are deeds between John M.C. Damron and Samuel W. Damron 1856, also J. Wm. Damron 1864. In the 1820 state census of Franklin County, Ill. p. 55, we find Charles Damron, with 1 white free male over 21, and all other whites numbering 4. In the 1818 census of Franklin County, is Wilson Damron with 7 in the house, and in the same list our John Damron Sr. and Jr. In the 1860 census of Johnson County, Ill. we find:

Page 19, No. 140, Samuel Danron 26, student of medicine, born Tenn., Ann M. age 25, housekeeper, b. Ill., James M. age 4, b. Ill., Lambourne (?) 1, b. Ill.

Page 24 No. 187 C. C. Damron age 59, farmer, born Ky., Mary D., 54 b. Tenn., Mary C. age 22, b. Tenn., John W. 18, b. Tenn., Mariah D. age 15, b. Tenn., Adam G. age 11, b. Ill., Charles L. age 8, b. Ill.

Page 253 Samuel M. Damron (not clearly readable as Damron), 26 b. Tenn., Sarah age 21, Charles L. 9, John T., all born in Ill.

In Missouri, Jasper County, 1850 census, we find: No. 59 in the home of Ben H. South, Charles Dameron 21, farmer, b. Tenn., John Dameron 12, b. Tenn., Louisa Harvey, 19 b. Tenn., Delilah Dameron 13, George Dameron 11, both b. Mo. There is also Wesley Dameron age 20, farmer, born in Tenn., in the home of O. A. Clark, and No. 53 is John Dameron age 23, farmer, b. Ill., Elizabeth 21 b. Tenn., Sarah E. 7/12 and Rebecca 12 botn b. Mo.

As the Damerons, such as Wilson and Lazarus, were among the early settlers of Kentucky, and others in Tennessee, let us look at the historical background of these frontier regions. Kentucky was the first to be settled in the westward movement and when the French in 1749 began taking over the Ohio valley, the Virginians decided to act also and two land companies were organized which bought up immense tracts. "Dr. Thomas Walker (1715-94), as an agent and surveyor of the Loyal Land company passed through the Cumberland Gap in March 1750 and followed down the Cumberland river in search of a suitable place for settlement... In Oct. 1750 Christopher Gist, on a similar mission for the Ohio company, set out from the banks of the Potomac and followed an Indian trail which led from Wills creek to the Ohio... George Washington (was sent) in 1753 to warn the French of Virginia's claims to the Ohio country. In 1752 John Finley, an Indian trader, descended the Ohio river in a canoe to the present site of Louisville. It was Finley's descriptions that first attracted Daniel Boone, and soon after Boone's first visit in 1767, travellers through the Kentucky region became numerous. The first permanent English settlement was set up at Harrodsburg in 1774 by James Harrod, and in October of the same year the Ohio Indians, having been defeated by Virginia troops in the battle of Point Pleasant (in what is now West Virginia), signed a treaty... In March 1775, Richard Henderson and some North Carolina land speculators... concluded a treaty with them for... all the territory south of the Ohio River and between the Kentucky and Cumberland rivers. The purchase was named Transylvania. Within less than a month after the treaty was signed, Boone... founded a settlement at Boonesborough... The title was declared void by the Virginia Government in 1778.

"During the American Revolution the colonists were neglected by Virginia, and had to defend themselves against the Indians, who were often under British leadership. Boonesborough was attacked in April and July 1777 and Aug. 1778." Under Simon Girty the Indians also besieged Bryan's Station near Lexington in 1782, Aug. The following battle of Blue Licks cost 60 killed and 7 prisoners to the Americans.

"Kentucky county, practically conterminous with the present commonwealth of Kentucky, and embracing all the territory claimed by Virginia south of the Ohio river and west of Big Sandy creek and the ridge of the Cumberland mountains, was one of three counties which were formed out of Fincastle county in 1776. Four years later, this in turn was divided into three counties, Jefferson, Lincoln and Fayette, but the name Kentucky was revived in 1783...for these three counties. The American Revolution was followed by an extensive emigration from Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina, which made its way either by the Ohio river from Fort Pitt, or--the far greater number--by the Cumberland Gap and the 'Wilderness Road,' as marked by Daniel Boone in 1775. At least 95% of this population, excluding negro slaves, were of pure English, Scotch or Scotch-Irish descent. The manners, customs and institutions of Virginia were transplated beyond the mountain s. There was the same political rivalry between the slave-holding farmers of the Blue Grass region and the 'poor whites' of the mountain districts that there was in Virginia between the tidewater planters and the mountaineers.... The aristocratic influences in both states have always been on the Southern and Democratic side, but while they were strong enough in Virginia to lead the state into secession, they were unable to do so in Kentucky." Kentucky began demanding separation from Virginia from 1784 to 1790 in Danville conventions, and a preliminary act was passed Feb. 1791, the state of Kentucky being admitted June 1, 1792. Gen.Isaac Shelby was first governor. Meantime due to the delay of Virginia in permitting separation, a separatist movement against the whole United States was formed by Gen. James Wilkinson in Kentucky, planning an alliance with the Spanish at New Orleans.

"James Adair, of South Carolina, a fur trader and explorer, is supposed to have been the first to go from the English colonies into Tennessee.... In 1756 or 1757 Ft. Loudon, ...was built on the Little Tennessee river (near) Knoxville... The fort was captured by the Cherokee Indians in 1760, and both the garrison and the neighboring settlers were massacred.... in 1769 several cabins were built along the Holston river and Watauga river upon what was thought to be Virginia soil. A settlement near the present Rogersville was made in 1771, and in the next year another sprang up about the store of Jacob Brown on the Nollichucky. After the failure of the Regulator insurrection in North Carolina in 1771, hundreds of the Regulators made their way into the wilderness." This was in North Carolina accordingto survey but the state gave no protection so in 1772 the residents formed the Watauga Association with a committee of 13 and courts were held. In 1775 Nollichucky was formed to join and the land was bought from the Cherokees. When the Revolution came, however, "the dream of becoming a separate colony with a royal governor was abandoned... the territory was annexed to North Carolina in 1776 as the Washington district, which in 1777 became Washington county, with the Mississippi river as the western boundary... During the American Revolution the hardy mountaineers under John Sevier and Evan Shelby did valiant service against both the royal troops and the Loyalists in South Carolina, chiefly as partisan rangers under Charles McDowell (1743-1815). Major Patrick Ferguson, with several hundred Loyalists and a small body of regulars, made a demonstration against the western settlements, but at King's Mountain in South Carolina, he was completely defeated by the Americans." (We must remember that among those who fought at King's Mountain were George Dameron under Maj. Chronicle, and Lazarus Dameron under Col. Campbell, the leader for whom Campbell County was later named.)

Lazarus Dameron enlisted April, 1780, in Washington County, Va. under Col. Campbell, and in 1780 we also find John Damron in Washington County as witness on a Dorton deed. Moses Dameron was on Gravelly Lick in 1786, Washington County, Va., and earlier in 1773 in Fincastle apparently, also being in Montgomery Co. He or his son Moses was "a great Indian fighter, and was employed by the government as a scout and spy." John Dameron had land in Green County (now Tenn. then N.C.) in 1788 and Joseph 1793, being cut off into Jefferson County, Tenn. where we find Joseph 1794, Christopher and John 1808, etc.

In 1784 N.C. offered to cede her western territory to the Government, and Watauga objected and in 1784 at Jonesboro called a convention to form a new state. Meanwhile N.C. repealed the act of cession. In 1785 a convention elected Sevier governor of the new state of Franklin (which had as legal tender 20 articles, including fox skins 1s. 6d., beaver skins, bacon, rye whiskey etc.) Wm. Cocke was sent to request recognition as a state. Sevier was arrested for treason but allowed to escape.

After Henderson in 1775 took land in Kentucky etc. "In 1778 James Robertson, a native of Virginia, who had been prominent in the Watauga settlement, set out with a small party to prepare the way for permanent occupation... at French Lick... Another party, led by John Donelson, arrived in 1780, and after the close of the War of Independence the immigrants came in a steady stream." (He was the father of Rachel who married Pres. Andrew Jackson). Robertson was sent to the N.C. legislature and the settlements became Davidson county, with Nashville as the seat. On May 26, 1790, congress accepted the new state, William Blount was governor and Knoxville the capital. A census in 1795 showed 60,000 free inhabitants. John Sevier was elected governor and William Blount and Wm. Cocke senators. It wasadmitted to the union 1796 as the state of Tennessee. Andrew Jackson was the dictator in Tennessee politics for many years until 1836 when Hugh Lawson White led a revolt. (See the Encyclopedia Britannica on Kentucky and Tennessee for above references.)

Daniel Boone was born 1734 in Pennsylvania near Reading but moved with his family to the Yadkin Valley in N.C. as a boy about 1751. He died 1820. His family lived near Mocksville, N.C. which is not far from where Thomas Moody lived, and also Kit Carson's family lived nearby--his uncle Andrew Carson was a famous scout and Revolutionary soldier and married the sister of Thomas Moody's wife, Mary Young.

Daniel Boone visited Kentucky first in 1767, and with a small party explored it in 1769-71. Indians turned back his first colonizing attempt in 1773 but in March, 1775, as advance agent for Richard Henderson and the Transylvania Company, and with an armed band of thirty men, he blazed the famous Wilderness Road and founded Bonnesboro on the Kentucky River (top of Madison County). Henderson arrived in a few weeks and brought additional settlers. Later in the same season Daniel Boone guided a second party, includinghis family. When Kentucky was made a Virginia county in 1776, he was elected a captain of militia. In the American Revolution, while on a saltmaking expedition to the Blue Licks on the Licking, Boone and his party were captured (Feb. 1778), by Shawnee Indians and taken to British headquarters at Detroit. After four months he escaped. He collected his family who had returned to N.C. and settled Bonne's Station in 1779, near what is now Athens, Ky. He was made colonel and sheriff of the newly-organized Fayette County, and was elected to the first of several terms as representative of the Virginia legislature. After the Revolution he moved to Maysville, where he dealt in land and kept a tavern. (Maysville is where Thomas Young lived, related to Mary, wife of our Thomas Moody.) Later he lived at Point Pleasant in what is now W. Va. and around 1795 settled in what is now Nicholas County, Ky. His titles to large tracts of land were adjudged imperfect, anddespite his services to Kentucky, he lost his best holdings through ejectment suits. Disgusted, Rebecca and he followed (1799) a son to Missouri, to the Osage Valley. In his old age he preferred "the open prairies in the Spanish territory west of the Mississippi (at La Charette in the present state of Missouri. Even there, after the Louisiana purchase, his title was found to be defective, although Congress, as a result of his pathetic petition and the intervention of the Kentucky legislature, confirmed the grant with praise for the pioneer... From it he made occasional long trapping expeditions into Kansas and once (1814) to the Yellowstone.... In 1845 his and his wife Rebecca's remains were removed to Frankfort, Ky." (See article in the Encyclopedia Britannica, etc. John Bakeless wrote a biography called Master of the Wilderness, also R. G. Thwaites in 1902 and S.E. White. See also Historic Highways of America, V. vi.)

Now when was Wilson Damron with Daniel Boone as a scout in Kentucky, and did he also make the trip to Yellowstone in 1814 with Boone? He may have been one of the thirty men who blazed the Wilderness Trail. His son Charles was born in Kentucky but moved to Illinois before 1818 when he was in Saline County.

The Damrons come of the Daniel-Boone Kit Carson tradition of frontiersmen and pioneers, and one of them is still alive age 83, Joseph Milton Moody, son of Sarah Matilda Damron. He was famous as the best hunter and woodsman of his time in the region around Grand Canyon, and was Forest Ranger for many years for the government. Damrons were among the first pioneers in Texas, Nevada, Arizona and the Imperial Valley in California, in the 19th century.

Ruth Dorius sent additional notes: "James, John and Louisa J. Demaree are buried in Jefferson Co., Ky. Abraham Whitaker m. Nancy Tyler 10-16-1801, Jefferson County, Ky. In Fayette Co. Ky. were Denham--Wm., Daniel and John; also Duvall--John Pearce, Wm., Daniel, and the Garrard family. In Jefferson County are the Ewings. I think Demaree in Mercer, Ky. is a Dameron, too. I think John Denham, Barren Co. might be our John Dameron, or possibly Darnal in Fayette. The same old names are all around here. There are Methodist records at the U. of Va. Charlottesville. Fleming Co. is in Ky, and there were Flemings in Ill.--see John D's regiment."

THE DAMERON FAMILY OF LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

I have made up a tentative chart on the Damerons of Lincdn County, Tennessee, which may not be correct as to the connection with the Halifax County family of N.C. but appears to be inasmuch as it fits here and not anywhere else in the genealogy which I have available. Proof would have to be searched out. From the fact that the two brothers each names sons James, William and John, these names are important, and also John seems to be the common one, for John and Joseph both used it, which means having a John Jr. and cousin at the same time, implying a common ancestor of the name John, I should say. John Dameron of Halifax, N.C. had a son John and one Joseph. (For this family see Page 36, Part I, with notes on the Tignors.) There is no Revolutionary record for either John or Joseph of Halifax, as Mrs. Pearce has searched N.C. carefully for the record of any John or Joseph and found none, while looking for our own ancestor Capt. John Damron b. 1757.

The Nancy who was dau. of Joseph Dameron and Elizabeth Waddy was under 18 at the time of his will, 1759 (see Part I, p. 34) which indicates that he died as a young man with only one child, as he left bequests to his brother's and mentions his own father's legacy to him etc. This eliminates above Nancy as being of an older generation than the Nancy of Lincoln County, Tennessee. We have also William who m. Nancy in Stephens' Parish, Northumberland (son of William Will 1821), and had a son William b. 1792. He would be too young to have dau. Nancy around 1800 and we do not know that he ever went to N.C. Itmight be proved he stayed in Northumberland as there were a number of Williams there. We have a letter from William J. Damron of Progress, Union County, Illinois, around 1917, saying to John Cebren Damron: "Am quite sure that we are relatives. The original family of Damrons came from North Carolina, just how long ago I do not know. I think about the year 1808 a part of the family moved to in or about Johnson Co. and about the same time one family of the Damrons moved to about the central part of Ill., and about the year 1826 moved to Union County, an there has been some of the Damron family in and about Union Co. (lived) 80 or 90 yrs. A few yrs. ago a fam;ily of Damron lived in Vienna, Johnson Co., and my folks told me that we were relations... So as I figure out the matter I am of that part of the Damron family that moved from Tennessee several years ago to the central part of Ill. My father's name was Jasper W. Damron. He had an uncle name of Jefferson, George,W., and David. Also he had a great-uncle by the name of Jefferson, all of which are dead." (See page 11-b, Part III.)

The other possibility for ancestry would be the John Damron m. Molly Hardy in Boutetort County, Va. 22 Mar. 1796, sec. Thomas Hardy, minister Edward Mitchell. Here also we found Joseph Damerell (Damron) member of the militia, Capt. Pryor's company, 1783, on James River. (See p. 39, Part Two. There was also a Joseph D. in Green County, Tenn. (formerly N.C.) and one in Monroe County, W.Va. named John,1810. Sumners Annals of Southwest Virginia has in Washington County, Va. the will of John Dorton 1780, with John Damron as witness. Here also was Moses Dameral in 1786 on Gravely Lick Branch, and H.C. Dameron, M.P. minister 1881, etc. (See p. 45-c Part Two). P. 40, Part Two, says Joseph Damron was given a military grant in Green County, Tenn. 1789, so he must have been a revolutionary soldier. See the section on the discussion of the ancestry of John Damron b. 1757 in Part Three for the John Damrons found in the record, appendices to Part Three. The complete history of the ancestry of John Damron of Halifax, N.C. is given in Part One.

Letters from Mrs. John Washington Dameron, 2500 Monroe Street, Commerce, Texas, and Mrs. Arthur Odas Damron, Elora, Tenn., in Lincoln County, are on p. 45-a, Part Two, from which the information on these families was taken.

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON and wife Dorothy, who lived in Northumberland Co., Va.

II. BARTHOLOMEW, Will 1708, prob. married Elizabeth, dau. Christppher Garlington.

III. JOHN, Will, 1743, m. Elizabeth, d. of Thomas Taylor, and had ch. Bartholomew whose descendants moved to Kentucky and Missouri; his will dated 1807; Joseph m. Elizabeth Waddy, had dau. Nancy; Thomas, Will 1766, sons Jo., Lazarus, Moses, Thomas, Aron, the latter three probably went to Lancaster County, Va.; and John.

IV. JOHN, Will 1777, in Halifax County, N.C. m. Sarah or Sukey Tignor, and children were: Christopher, heir, Sarah, Betty m. Williams, Judith, Tignor, a Revolutionary soldier who sold land in 1789 in Halifax County, N.C., John and Joseph. Joseph m. a Haynie, thought to be Elizabeth, and had six children, John, James, William, Sarah m. Hodge, Catherine m. Coffman, and Nancy m. Elisha Powers. Nancy was b. about 1800 and had five children. (See the section by Aurelia Jewell in the Appendices for the descendants of Joseph, brother of John. Her address is 1402 North Greenbrier Street,Arlington, Va.)

V. JOHN DAMERON, probably son of John of Halifax County, Va. Will 1777. He had a brother Joseph. The records of Mrs. Jewell say: "Joseph Dameron, husband of Elizabeth (?) Haynie, had a brother named John, who was very wealthy; lived in Lincoln County, Tennessee, about six miles from Salem. His sons were James, William and Washington; daughters, Sarah (Mrs. Horton), Celia Polly and Hannah Jane." The 1820 Census, first on record here, of Lincoln County, Tenn. has Eliz. Dameron, John Damrel over 45 with 3 males, 4 under 45, and 4 females. Eliz. Damrel had 1 male over 45, 2 females over 45. Also in Lincoln County we find Joseph and Mark Whitaker and Benj. and John I. Whitaker, Edw. Sanderson, Sam'l Thompson, Wilsons etc. (Damarel or Damrel is one spelling of Dameron, and was almost always used by the Lazarus Dameron branch, for example.) Children of John were the following. (The Elizabeth on the densus was head of a family, hence not the wife of John. Might be the wife of his brother Joseph, of course, indicating she was then a widow.)

1. John Washington Dameron b. March 5, 1814, died 1896. He married as his third wife Elizabeth Metcalf in 1856, died 1899, according to Mrs. John Washington Dameron of Commerce, Texas. Children:

(1.) Tom Jefferson Dameron b. Feb. 16, 1861, died Oct. 18, 1885, both events taking place in Elora, Tenn., Lincoln County. He married Carrie Siaco Aug. 20, 1879. One son was John Washington Damron.

(2) Son, who was father of Arthur Odas, perhaps Charlie J. Damron.

Arthur Odas Dameron b. Feb. 9, 1886. He married Ruby Lauetia Wakefield, born June 14, 1889 (who sent this information) and they had on e daughter, Thelma Louise, b. July 25, 1907, who married Aaron Locker Oct. 24, 1924, who was born Sept. 7,1898. Robert C. Wakefield was born June 22, 1860, and Mary Emma Stovall Wakefield was born May 11, 1865. Residence, Elora, Tenn. Mrs. A.O. Damron also said: "Charlie J. Damron, born Oct. 11, 1859. Anna Chattie Hamilton Damron. If you never found out who William Damron's father was--his name was John." It is possible this Charles was the father of Arthur Odas who was the "cousin" of John Washington Dameron of Commerce, Texas, but they did not say in which degree.

John Washington Dameron, son of Tom Jefferson, was b. Jan. 10, 1887 in Elora, Tenn., and died April 19, 1949. He m. Addie Lorine Buie June 10, 1909, b. Sept. 9, 1892, in Gilmer, Texas. They had two children: Alarihe Buie b. Mar. 15, 1910, who m. Everett Cecil Talbert, b. July 9, 1906; and Christine Juadeen b. May 28, 1915, Quinlan, Tex. m. James Perry Miller b. Mar. 19, 1910.

(2.) David Dameron, son of John Washington Dameron b. 1814. (We find a David Dameron in Franklin County, Ill. 1830 census with males 1, females 2.) In 1870 in Union County, Ill. there were Jefferson K., David and Wm. Dameron with families b. in Ky. and Tenn. Later note from Ruth Damron Dorius says: "That early Union Co., Ill. census I sent you had J.W. Damron instead of a Wm. This is Jasper W., along with Jefferson, David, etc. No doubt, they descend from that John in Lincoln County, Tenn. of 1820 census, not our John."

(3.) George W. Dameron. (I could not tell from the letter whether this was an initial "W." or whether it was another brother named "W.")

(4.) _____, name unknown, grandfather of W. M. Dameron, who wrote as follows from Progress, Union County, Illinois, about 1917. "My father's name was Jasper W. Damron. He had an uncle name of Jefferson, George, W., and David. Also he had a great-uncle by the name of Jefferson."

Jasper W. Dameron, moved from Tennessee to Union County, Ill., about 1826, the family having moved about 1808 to central part of Ill., originally, probably, with another branch, which may have been in Johnson County, Ill. In 1870 census Jefferson, David etc. were in Union County with Jasper W. One Jefferson must have been the brother of John Washington Dameron b. 1814.

2. SARAH DAMERON, daughter of John Dameron of Lincoln County, Tenn. She m. _____ Horton. She would be the sister of John Washington Dameron b. 1814.

3. CELIA POLLY, also a daughter.

4. HANNAH JANE, another daughter.

5. JAMES, son of John and brother of John Washington b. 1814.

6. WILLIAM, another son. This must be the William Damron b. Feb. 25, 1817, d. Feb. 16, 1911, near Shelbyville, who apparently had a son Tom Damron, May 27, 1855, d. May 2, 1909. Mariam Cropper found these names in a cemetery called Coleman, located 7 miles from Shelbyville, Tenn. on the farm of J.L. Walder, Bedford County (See Tenn. Bible, Cemetery and Family Records, p. 41, Part Two of this mss.) Other names found were: Bettie Damron March 1, 1858, 19 June 1916, "Our Loved One Has Gone." Lizzie Damron, Aug. 21, 1885, Nov. 16, 1908. Hattie R., daughter of J.T. and M.B. Damron, Apr. 28, 1879, May 11, 1879. Pleasant R., son of J.T. and M.B. Damron, Jan. 8, 1878, May 11, 1878.

Notes: A James Tignor b. N.C., was age 56 in Williamson County, Ill. 1850, census. John T. Dameron (with one male over 100 yrs old) was in Weakley County, Tenn. 1830 census with Samuel, John Jr., Constantine L., Moses, Charles. (Constantine L. is the son of John Damron b. 1757, our ancestor. In 1850 there was also an E. Dameron age 45 b. Ky., and G. Damron b. Ky. age 42. In Williamson County, Ill. 1840 census were John T. Damron with 6 males and a John Damron age 14, b. in Ill. in home of John Bickers. The 1850 Williamson County census had Mary Dameron b. Tenn. age 46, with Charles 17 b. Ill. Susan 12, Nancy 9, John 5, all b. Ill.

CHART SHOWING THE DAMERON FAMILY OF LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
With probable ancestry through John Dameron of North Carolina

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in Northumberland County, Va., 1652, m. Dorothy, surname unknown, and had children: Bartholomew, eldest, George, Thomas, Samuel, Lawrence, Jr., and Dorothy who m. Josias Gaskins (Gascoyne) and Samuel Mahan.

II. BARTHOLOMEW, Will 1708, Northumberland, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Christopher Garlington, probably (?), children: Bartholomew, Christopher, Lawrence, of St. Stephens' Parish, Josiah, of St. Stephens, Eliza, Mary, Sarah, youngest, John.

III. JOHN, Will 1743, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, m. 1728, Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Taylor, her will 1775; she m. 2d George Flowers. They had four children:

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BARTHOLOMEW, Will 1807, m. Mary Waddy (?)
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1. Elizabeth W. m. Rev. Lewis Lunsford and Elisha Carter, moved to Ky. and Missouri

JOSEPH, Will, 1759, m. Elizabeth Waddy, Will mentions one child only named Nancy

THOMAS, Will 1766, of Wicomico, mentions sons Jo., Lazarus, Moses, Thomas Aron

JOHN, Will 1777, in Halifax, N.C., m. Sarah or Sukey Tignor, children:
Christopher, heir
Sarah
Betty m. Williams
Judith
Tignor, Rev. Soldier, sold land 1789, Halifax Co., N.C. also two sons, John and Joseph (below)
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2. Also Bartholo. of Northumberland,
3. and Thomas m. Nancy Ann Ball, moved to Ky. 1810, Bourbon County

JOHN (son of John Will 1777, N.C.)? He was of Lincoln Co., Tenn., near Salem; was in 1820 Census with Elizabeth Dameron
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JOSEPH, m. Haynie (Elizabeth?), six children:
JOHN
JAMES
WILLIAM
SARAH m. Hodge
CATHERINE M. Coffman
and NANCY m. Elisha Powers. She b. ca. 1800; had 5 ch.
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SARAH JAMES m. Horton

WILLIAM 1817-1911, near Shelbyville, Tenn.?
:

JOHN WASHINGTON b. 1814, m. as 3d wife Elizabeth Metcalf
:

CELIA HANNAH POLLY JANE

GEORGE W. DAVID

TOM JEFFERSON, (?) b. 1861, Elora, Tenn., Lincoln County, m. Carrie Siaco
:

JOHN WASHINGTON, b. 1887 at Elora, Tenn., m. Addie Lorine Buie, res. Commerce, Texas.

JASPER W., moved from Tennessee to Illinois
:

WILLIAM J. of Progress, Union County, Ill. 1917

1. JAMES m. Ellen Grandon, had ch. Mary, George, James Lyman. Of New Orleans, La.
2. CATHERINE m. John Fletcher, had 10 ch. in Vicksburg, Miss. Galveston, Texas, Memphis, Tenn.
3. FRANCES m. George Clarke, ch. Edmond, George Washington, Elisha.
4. NANCY m. Robert R. Williams, ch. Laura m. Brown, res. Memphis, Tenn.; Frances m. Fletcher, res. Vicksburg, Miss., Eliza m. Stout; Catherine m. Harris, res. Austin, Texas.
5. JANE m. John M. Jewell

(Note: Arthur Odas Damron of Elora, Tenn. was cousin to above John Washington Damron. He was b. Feb. 9, 1886, m. Ruby Lauetia Wakefield, b. June 14, 1889. Charlie J. Damron b. Oct. 11, 1859 may be his father.)

NOTES ON THE DAMERON FAMILY, BY AURELIA M. JEWELL

The following notes were sent to me by Mrs. Walter Towner Jewell, 1402 North Greenbrier Street, Arlington 5, Virginia, who wrote: "My husband is a direct descendant of Lawrence Dameron of Northumberland County, Virginia, and I have copied any and all data I could find for several years. Have worked on the family lines when other genealogical work was light. My husband's great-grandmother was Nancy Dameron b. about 1800 probably Lincoln County, Tenn. and m. Elisha Powers. Her father was Joseph Dameron, who m. Elizabeth Haynie. I do not have dates but do have names of Children. Joseph Dameron had a wealthy brother John who lived six miles from Salem in Lincoln County, Tenn. I have names of his children but not his wife or any dates. This information is a hand me down in the family and right now I have it. I think that Joseph and John were some of the family that emigrated from Virginia to North Carolina and then to Tennessee. I have a lot of Virginia data, which I will be glad to share with you, if a Dameron-Damron genealogy is to be printed.

"Mr. Holz did not answer my last letter. He might not be living. I believe the chart he mentioned at DAR which was in error has been withdrawn. Now as to tradition in the family. They were supposed to be connected with the Balls and Dandridges, but like most other family traditions, are probably nothing but wishful thinking. Of course, there would be Ball connections but so far back. I have found several books on the Haney-Haynie families. The most complete one is on the Penna. line. There was another Dameron-Haynie marriage too. The family of Joseph Dameron lived in Memphis, Tenn., at least Nancy and Elisha Powers were probably married there, and that's where their children are supposed to have been born. The Lincoln County, Tenn. records are pretty well copied and in DAR library. I have found little. Lincoln County was formed from Bedford in 1809, Bedford from Rutherford in 1807, etc., one would have to look in Davidson County records to get the early ones. The John Damron of Texas must be descended from John of Lincoln County. He had a son William as you will note. However, Joseph did too. They also each had a son James. Maybe you can figure something out."

JOSEPH DAMERON AND ELIZABETH HAYNIE OF LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

The envelope containing this data, dated Sept. 3, 1904, Vicksburg, Miss.

Joseph Dameron married a Miss Haney (Haynie), Christian name supposed to be Elizabeth. Their children: Nancy, John, James, William, Sarah (Mrs. Hodge), Catherine (Mrs. Coffman or Kaufman or Koffman, there is doubt about the correct spelling of the name.

Nancy married Elisha Powers (nothing further known of the sons): Children of Nancy and Elisha Powers: James, Catherine, Frances, Nancy and Jane.

James married a Miss Ellen Grandon of New York.
Catherine married John Fletcher.
Frances married George Clarke.
Nancy married Robert R. Williams.
Jane married John M. Jewell.

Children of James and Ellen Powers, who lived to become of age, Mary, George and James . . . and Lyman died in childhood. Mary married a lawyer from Texas, name not known. She is now dead. It is not known at present whether the two boys are dead or alive, but James was last seen in Texas. The family formerly lived in New Orleans, La.

Children of John and Catherine Fletcher: Frances, Letha, John, Matthew, Nancy, Addie, Emma, Thomas, James and Mary. Thomas, James and Mary died in childhood. Frances (Mrs. Conn) died in 1878. Letha (Mrs. Pascoe) lives in Galveston, Texas. (John and Matthew, Nancy and Emma (Mrs. Ward) live in Vicksburg, Miss. Addie (Mrs. C. Wilbur Moulton) lives in Memphis, Tenn.

Children of George and Frances Clarke: Edmond, George Washington, and Elisha, all dead, as are George and Frances Clarke.

Children of Robert and Nancy Williams: Laura, Frances, Eliza and Catherine. Laura first married Frank Bedford. Her present name is Brown and she lives near Memphis, Tenn. Frances married her cousin, John Fletcher, son of John and Catherine Fletcher, and they live in Vicksburg, Miss. Eliza married Henry Stout, who was killed during the Civil War. Eliza died in 1884. Catherine married a Dr. Harris, and lives near Austin, Texas. Robert & Nancy Williams both died years ago.

Children of John M. and Jane Jewell: Martha, Joseph, Eugene, John, Ida, Florence and Willard. They live in Washington, D.C.

John Fletcher, who married Catherine Powers, ran away from his parents and came to Mississippi with thePowers family from Tennessee. Had a sister named Letha and a brother named William. Nothing has ever been heard of the family of John Fletcher since he left home. It seems he never wrote them after he left.

Joseph Dameron, husband of Elizabeth (?) Hayney (Haney) Dameron, had a brother named John, who was very wealthy; lived in Lincoln County, Tennessee, about six miles from Salem. His sons were James, William and Washington; daughters, Sarah (Mrs. Horton),Celia, Polly and Hannah Jane. Nothing further known of this branch of the family.

Nancy Powers' husband, Robert Williams, was of Welsh descent. His father, (William Williams) and hisuncle (Cadwallader Williams) came to America from Wales. Date not known. William married and remained in America, but his brotherreturned to Wales, and nothing further was ever heard of him.

Children of John and Frances Fletcher: Lily Eliza, born July 11th, 1871; Jane Jewell, born February 20th 1877. Jane Jewell married John Louis Andress September 19th 1900. Their children, Alyce Elaine, born June 16th, 1901, and Louis Frederick, born March 26th, 1903.

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(Note: My husband, Walter Towner Jewell, is the son of Eugene Powers Jewell and Edith Towner. Eugene Powers Jewell was the son of Martha Jane Powers and John Marshall Jewell. Martha Jane Powers was the daughter of Nancy Dameron and Elisha Powers.)

(Note by H.F.S. In the letter she enclosed from Leo L. Holz, he said: "I am afraid that I will have to write the DAR to destroy the chart I sent them, as it contains several errors, and I will send them a new one as soon as my data is more complete... I am probably as anxious as you to untangle this inter-marrying family. In turn if you have any data on any Joseph Dameron as to date of birth or names of parents, I will be very thankful for it. Also do you have any data on any Christopher Dameron." This shows the origin of the DAR errors in the Missouri Dameron genealogy.)

Ruth Damron Dorius checked the Lincoln County, Tenn. records and found there an inventory of Joseph Damrol (Damull, Damrel, different spelling in document), dated 6 Nov. 1817, wive Elizabeth, amount of inv. $179.82, after debts $17.483/4. No children were mentioned.

She also found there Mark Whitaker Sr.'s will, mentioning children: Rebecca, Isard, Nancy, Hammonds, John, Mary Lucas; Sarah Basinger, Martha Pegram, Benj. I., Mark Jr., Perlina Purton, Judith Prewitt. As the Whitakers later moved to Illinois and Mark married Elvira Damron, it was thought the Damrons of Lincoln County might be the John b. 1757, our ancestor, but on analyzing the material carefully, it appears not to be the case, though there is a possibility that this is so. The earliest census of Tenn. is 1820, so it is difficult to find anyonein that state. Mrs. Dorius wrote: "I saw a couple of Haynie names in census. They came from North Carolina. Neither John nor Joseph show up in the 1850 census. They are with all those familiar names and also some lived next door to Elvira in Illinois, etc. It is interesting to note that the Whitakers were born in Kentucky. Our John must have gone from there down to lower Tenn., even to Miss. because some Whitakers were in Miss, too., then up the Miss. river to Ill. I checked Halifax, N.C. 1810 census and found Gideon Dameron to 26 years and Jess A. David, Mary Dawson."

In the Lincoln County, Tenn. 1850 census she found: JOHN W. DAMERON, age 35, b. Tenn., Sarah 28, b. Ala. Celia 15, John 13, Martha J. 11, Mary A. 7, James 6, Eleanor 4, William 1 (all born in Tenn.) She also found WILLIAM DAMERING (this is one spelling for Dameron), age 39 b. Tenn., Ludama age 35, b. Ala, with Celia J. age 13, Mary 6, Sarah 5, James 1 (all b. in Alabama). There was also JOSEPH DAMERING, age 43, b. Tenn., Moriah 39 b. Tenn, with Molinda A., Sarah, Susan, Moriah, Martha and James. Here also was JAMES G. DAMRON 24 b. Ala., with Tera L. age 23 b. Ala., Eliz. and Mary, b. Ala.

The ~~Lincoln~~ Jefferson/County, Tenn. 1850 census also showed the following: Isaac Meadows, SARAH L. DAMRON age 14 b. Tenn. in home of Joel Johnston, COPANDRA DAMRON, age 12, in home of J. N. Newman (appear to be orphans.)

The 1830 Lincoln County, Tenn. census showed JOSEPH DARNELL age 50-60, wife 40-50, 3 other males, 4 other females, WM. DARNELL, 20-30; JOHN DARMON 40-50, wife 40-50, three other males, three other females; JOSEPH DARMON 20-30, wife 20-30. Mrs. Cropper wrote: "When I checked Lincoln Co., Tenn. 1830 census, it was in three different handwritings. I'm quite sure the Dameron name was spelled three ways, Damering, Darmon and Darnal." From this she concluded that the name Dameron might be spelled Darnal in old records and found some in Kentucky and Fauquier County, Va. She wrote: "The more I see of the name Darnell, Darnal, the more I believe it is our name. I am so sure of it, some day I will prove it."

The Lincoln County, Tenn. Damerons appear to be the same that were in Green and Jefferson Counties, Tenn. In the Court Minutes of Jefferson County, Tenn. 1792-98 we find a land grant inquest mentioning Joseph Dameron, Nov. session, 1794 (p. 65), and on p. 91, Jos. Dameron's mark is given on cattle and hogs, "a crop in left ear and swallow fork on right, 1795. A mill owned by the Damerons is mentioned several times in the index.

Christopher Dameron is mentioned in the deed books, p. 286. (John and Joseph had a brother Christopher in Halifax County). John Dameron in 1808 (p. 172) received a deed from Joseph Dameron for 225 acres. The marriage of John Dameron to Celia Hambrick was given 1-2-1806, Joseph Brittain, bondsman, J. Hamilton, wit. (Note the name Celia in subsequent generations.) Joseph sold a good deal of land and is also mentioned several times as being defendant in debt. Joseph Dameron had a land grant 1793 in Greene County, N.C. and in 1788 John Damond had one.

Annabel Walker found the deeds in GreeneCounty, Tenn. (formerly N.C. territory) for the Damrons, this being formerly Virginia territory. In 1788 a John Damond had a land grant in Greene County, N.C. for 200 acres, Grant #635, Book 3, p. 549, N.C. Land Records. This name is probably Dameron. She also found a grant for Joseph 1793 for 200 acres #1248 Book 2, p. 512. I believe these were military grants, as Mrs. Pearce said the one for Joseph was, but she could not find any N.C. records of military service from N.C. for any Joseph or John Dameron. As Tignor Dameron was a revolutionary soldier--she found thisreference but did not send it to me--it is likely his brothers were also.

In the Tennessee records, Ruth Dorius also found in the Lincoln County, Tenn. census for 1850 the following: Jefferson Darmon age 35, overseer, b. Tenn., Louiza, 25, Tenn., Margaret, Wm. E. and Wm. J. She also found Benj. Whitaker age 57, of Ky., Susan b. Ga., Benj., Susan, Nathan, Ann and Martha. There were also: Washington Wilson age 53 b. Virginia; Daniel Whitaker age 53 b. Ky., with Nancy age 48, b. Tenn., and Drucilla, Eliz., Melton B., Malissa, Daniel, Robert and Caladonia.

In the Court Minutes of Sumner County, Tenn. 1787-91, she found the first records held at the house of John Hamilton showed those present as: Isaac Bledsoe, Isaac Lindsey, John Hardin, Capt. Joseph Keykendall and Geo. Winchester. In the Index for Tax of Sumner County, 1787-1794, she found: Joseph Keydendall, Alex. Whitaker, Isaac Pearce, Jr., Jonathan Pearce, Valentine Shoat, Mathew McCormick, Thomas Gill, Wm. Foster and John Dawson. "I also noted a case in ct. where a Jos. Daniel was among a group of defendants from Green Co. In the index it was spelled Darnell. I noted down a few cases in Jefferson County: Jos. Hamilton against Joseph Dameron, Thomas R. Mullins in debt; Jos. Dameron v. James Rodgers.

Marriages of Jefferson County, Tenn., showed:

Dec. 19, 1855, Allen Bryan and Casandar Damron.
Sept. 27, 1854, Wm. Damron and Rebecca Jacobs.
Jan. 20, 1857, Joseph Eaton and Sarah Luona (Louise?) Damron.

Mrs. Dorius wrote: "The fact that the Whitakers were with John who settled in New Burnside (first settlers according to Mrs. Chapman's book) means to me that our John must have been mighty close to Lincoln Co. where the Whitakers came from. Constant Ladd was in Maury Co. around 1810. Mariam found him in Deed Book. Can't find a thing that helps us in Maury Co. in DAR or Lib. of Congress. I just feel that I can locate John in Mississippi or parts South. I am also going to check Halifax Co., N.C. 1810 to see if David and Soloman Dawson there might not be Damron. It was Dawson on the 1800 census."

However, the argument against these being the John Damron b. 1757 group is that if Mrs. Jewell's information is correct, we know that John had a brother Joseph and a son John, Jr., but John Jr., did not have a brother Joseph, hence the men in Lincoln County, Tenn. must be the ones in Green and Jefferson earlier. Though John m. Celia Hambrick in 1806, she could have been a second wife. The Hamilton may be the ancestor of Annie Chattie Hamilton who m. Charlie J. Damron, of Elora, Tenn., and John named a daughter Celia, probably for his wife Celia Hambrick.

Mrs. Jewell found a reference in Lincoln County, Tenn. to Eva Cole, wife of Michael Dameron, 8-7-1870-3-7-1904. Miss Louise Dameron found a note that among the most prominent persons in the southeast part of Tennessee was Dameron, no name listed, McNair County, Tenn. (See p. 4, Appendices.) The Joseph of Botetourt, Va. appears to be connected with the Damerons of Allegheny County, Va. of Duhlop Creek (See p. 4, of Mrs. Jewell in appendices) where John d. 1828, wife Polly, ch., Joseph, a lawyer, John, William, Andrew and Christopher. See also Covington Damrons.

UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU RECORDS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

TENNESSEE:

Rutherford County, 1810 (only early record to be saved)

Sam'l Richardson to 45, Dennis Kelly, 45, Arthur and James Pearce over 45 yrs. Rogers and Wilsons here. John Crawford to 45, wife and 4. Lazarus Crawford over 45, wife (no), 3 children.
Robert Thompson, James Berty to 45, wife and child, Henry Moody, 15-20, wife
John and Jos. Thompson, both over 45, Sam'l Thompson, Jos. McCormack

NOTE ON ROWAN COUNTY, N.C. Sept. 20, 1775, Ephraim McLain.

"Rebecca Matilda (Bagge) Shultz 1808-49, born Waughtown, near Salem, N.C. In 1833 she became wife of Rev. Henry A. Shultz (later Bishop) and served with him, first in N.C. and then in Penn.; from 1844 in Bethlehem. A still-born boy was buried with her. (This Shultz became high commissioner in Moravian area, a high honor. The name Matilda may be carried from this person.)

MISSOURI:

Newton County, 1840.

	M			F				
Isaac Moody	5/1	20-30/2	10/1	10-15/1	20-30/1			
Moses Damron	5/1	5-10/2	10-15/2	15-20/1	40-50/1	5-10/2	10-15/1	30-40/1
Joshua W. Brock	5/1	10-15/1	15-20/1	20-30/1	60-70/1	10-15/1	40-50/1	
John Damron	5/3	10-15/3	20-30/1	40-50/1	5/2	5-10/1	10-15/1	30-40/3	40-50/1

(This is our John Damron with his family. D.M. Stockton and Hugh Stockton here also.)

Constant Damron	5-10/1	20-30/1	40-50/1	5/2	5-10/2	10-15/2	(no wife?)
John Pennington	5/.	10-15/1	15-20/1	30-40/1	5/.	5-10/1	10-15/1	30-40/1
Nathan Richardson	10-15/2	15-20/1	30-40/1	5/2	10/1	10-15/1	30-40/1	
Elijah Pennington	5/1.	20-30/1	30-40/1	30-40/1				

Newton County, Missouri, 1850 (Every name disappeared. There was an Oliver Brock, 62, b. N.C. R. T. McCormick 41, born, N.C. John R. Kelly, 41, born Va. wife Jane, children: Eliz. Greenberry, John, James, Wm., Martin, Francis and Nancy born Ill. Sarah and Lucinda born Mo.

TEXAS:

Ellis County, 1850; J.L. Kelly, 33 b. Tenn, w. Sarah etc.
Gonzales County, 1850, Wm. Kelly, 31, Tenn. w. Amanda etc.

TENNESSEE;

Maury County, 1820:

Joseph Gill to 45, Thomas Gill over 45, Sam'l Wilson, Elijah Richardson, Richardson Gill 26-45, wife and 5 children.
JEHOSOPHAT LADD over 45, 4 females and wife (Constant Ladd not there.)
Paley McClain, Abel Wilson, John Gill to 45, wife and 6 ch.
James Gill, over 45, no wife and 5 children.

UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU RECORDS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
(Research by Ruth Damron Dorius, Falls Church, Va.)

TEXAS:

Jasper County, 1850

Alexander Kelly, 39, Ga. Nancy Green, Mary Ann, and Matilda

Jefferson County, 1850

Nulbar (?) Cropper 24, Lo-A (Louisiana?), wife Annie E. 22, Lo-A, Nancy G. 4 yr. Oliver 2 and Annie E. 2 mo.

Joseph P. Pulsifer, 44, druggist, $1308, Mass.

Lamar County, 1850

Geo. Richardson, 41, $1280, born Va.

Young Freeman 25, Ill.

Ebenezer Freeman, 31, Ill. wife Jane, Ill. Martha E. Emily, Texas

James H. Moody, 22, printer, Ill.

Leon County, 1850

Robt. Richardson, 30, Georgia

Stokley and James M. Choat, both Tenn.

Albert A. Foster, 30, 800 acres, Louisiana

Liberty County, Texas, 1850

Solomon Barron, 49, $6,869, Louisiana, Eliz. 44. La. Allan, Benj. Soloman, Martha, Amos, Eliz. Wm. Henrietta (all in Texas)

Reuben Barron, stockraiser, $1500, 37 years, Louisiana, Eliz., wife, Germany; John A., Henry, Reuben, Benj. John, Julia (all Texas)

Levi Barron, 38, $1,000, Louisiana, Isabella 32, La. Sarah, Benj., John, Martha (all Texas)

Aaron L. Barron, 39, $500, La. wife Loucinda, 37, unknown, Aaron, Mary Ann, Lucinda, Emily, and Lolita (La.), Susan, Joseph L., Jenette (Texas)

Benj. Barron, 34, $2,500, La. Eliza wife, 27 La. Eliz,, Soloman, Levi, Susan, Daniel (all Texas)

Matagorda County, Texas, 1850

P.B. Pearce, 36, N. C. wife Ann, Mississippi; Melissa, Stephen C. (Texas)

Medina and Hopkins Counties--nothing.

Hunt County, Texas, 1850

Geo. Foster 23, Ala.

Wm. Foster, 20, Ala.

Lenois Moody, 29, merchant, $3,000, Ky.

Jackson County, Texas, 1850

Benj. Pearce, 32, $2343, Ky.

NORTH CAROLINA: Wilkes County, 1810.
(Could not find Milton Ladd.)
Elisha Richardson, Thomas Richardson and Joseph Richardson, Wm. Kelly, Benj. Moody, and Wm. M'Gill.

TENNESSEE:

Lincoln County, 1820 (first census on record)

Montilion (?) Richardson, 45

John Moody, to 45

Geo. Crawford, to 45

Berry (Wm.) Wilsons, and McCormacks here

ELIZ. DAMERON

Wm. Richardson, under 45

David Gill, to 45; David W. Gill, 20-30

Sam'l Crawford to 45

Thomas Berry, Miles Berry to 45

John Richardson, over 45

Isaac Crawford, over 45, wife and 7 ch

JOSEPH WHITAKER, over 45, wife and 5 c

MARK WHITAKER, over 45, wife and 2 ch.

Benj. Whitaker to 45; John I. Whitaker, over 45

Edward Sanderson (Adair Co. Ky. had Sanderson Damron on census.)

Anthony, Thomas, and James Crawford, all over 45

LIncoln County, 1820

Anthony Crawford, 45, wife and 7 ch.

Thomas Crawford, 45, 2 females

James Crawford, 45 wife and 6 ch.

Latham, Glenn, and Chapman families here; also Sam'l Thompson and Wilsons

Thomas Richardson, 45 and wife

Thomas Kelly to 45

Asa Pennington, to 45, wife and 6

JOHN DAMREL, over 45 (3 males), 4 under, 4 females

ELIZ. DAMREL, 1 male over 45, 2 females over 45

Jacob Pennington, 2 over 45, w.& 5

MISSOURI CENSUS RECORDS, JASPER COUNTY: Year 1850.

1. Wm. C. Wilson age 72,farmer, from Va. (There are lots of Wilsons in these counties and some Thompsons).
4. Francis Stribling 47, farmer, b. S.C., Martha 41 b. S.C., five children (the Striblings intermarried with the Barrons in S.C.)
Dunnivans are here from Tenn.
35. In the home of O. A. Clark is: WESLEY DAMERON age 20, farmer born in Tenn. (should read farm hand),(birth 1830).
52. In the home of John Girard is: WESLEY DAMERON age 18, farmer, b. Tenn., and Sarah N. Dameron 11 b. Mo. (Looks as if Moses and Constantine died and their orphans were farmed out.)
53. JOHN DAMERON, 23, farmer, b. Ill., Elizabeth 21, b. Tenn., Sarah E. 7/12, and Rebecca 12, botn b. Mo.
59. In home of Ben H. South, CHARLES DAMERON, 21, farmer b. Tenn., John Dameron 12, b. Tenn., Louisa Harvey, 19, b. Tenn., Delilah Dameron 13 and George Dameron 11, both b. Mo.
67. In home of Milton B. Sugg, SARAH DAMERON 30 b. Tenn., Louisa Dameron 3, Lemuel Dameron 1, John C. Dameron 1, both born in Mo. There are also Darrows here.
220. James Brock 22 b. Mo., Nancy 19, b. Tenn.
222. F. L. Dicey, A. Brock 51 b. Tenn., and six children.
241. Moses Richardson age 37, carpenter b. Mo.
259. Sarah Stockton, age 60 b. Va.
338 and 359 are Charles and John Vivion both listed as farmers b. Ky. (Name of Rev. who married Susanna Damron and Josh Brock was Vivion). There are Kellys here from Ky. and Tenn.

LAWRANCE COUNTY, 1850 CENSUS:

31. In hom e of Joshua R. Royston is Jonathan Freeman, barkeeper b. Tenn. Lots of Penningtons and Richardsons here.
398 James Burrow age 57 b. N.C., Martha 47 b. Tenn.,
399. R.X. Burrow 26 b. Tenn., Mary S. 19 b. Tenn., Martha S. 3/12 b. Mo.
There are some Elkins and Crawfords here. Nell says Constant Ladd, not Const. Damron had Will in Cape Girardeau, Mo. 1850, so our C.D. must have died in Newton Co., Mo.

McDONALD COUNTY, 1850 CENSUS.

106, 107. Kellys from Tenn., Joseph, Matilda, Sarah, Ben., Nimrod, Sarah and John.

TENNESSEE CENSUS RECORDS, LIN COLN COUNTY, 1830:

William, John, James Crawford, all 50-60 years.
Wm. McLain 40-50.
Henry S. Gill, 30-40.
John J. Whitaker 40-50, Mark Whitaker 70-80 yrs.
Frederick Foster 30-40.
JOSEPH DARNELL 50-60, wife 40-50, 3 other males, 4 other females. WM. DARNELL 20-30.
Francis Wright 50-60.
JOHN DAMRON 40-50, wife 40-50, three other males, three other females.
JOSEPH DAMRON 20-30, wife 20-30.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENN., 1850 CENSUS: SARAH L. DAMRON 14 b. Tenn. in home of Joel Johnston; COPANDRA DAMRON 12, in home of J. N. Newman.
ISAAC MEADOWS, 48, b. N.C., Rebecca M., 25, Tenn. Albert, Daniel, G. John, Andrew etc.

ILLINOIS CENSUS RECORDS: (Sent by Ruth Damron Dorius.)

Washington County, Ill. 1818 index: Leeaiden Posey 5 in house. Benj. Moody. GEORGE DAMRON, over 21, 4 in house. (Could this be son of John Damron, Sr?)

Franklin County, 1818. Zachariah Wright, 11 in house. Mason Crawford, 23 in house. WILSON DAMRON, 7 in house, with John Damron, Sr. and Jr. etc.

Madison County: Jeremiah Pierce (1818) TIMOTHY LADD (1820) James Medows (1820) in Springfield.

Monroe Co. Ladd, Elijah.
Pope Co., Ladd, Milton. (Milton Ladd elected Senator from Johnson Co. 1820, nominated from Franklin Co. 1824.
Union Co. Whitaker, Alexander and Thomas.
White Co., Whitaker, Robert and Benj.

In Lincoln County, Tenn. 1850 she found Benj. Whitaker age 57, b. Ky., with Susan b. Ga., Benj., Susan, Nathan, Ann, and Martha; also Daniel Whitaker, age 53, born Ky., Nancy 48 b. Tenn.: Drucilla, Eliz., Melton B., Malissa, Daniel, Robert, and Caladonia. Washington Wilson age 53 b. Virginia. Jefferson Darmon age 35 overseer b. Tenn., Louiza 25, Tenn., Margaret, Wm. E. and Wm. J.

ILLINOIS, FRANKLIN COUNTY. The following early settlers lived near John Damron Sr.: Simpkins, Shultz, Ratcliff, Aplin, Newton, Trammel, Deeson, Grey, Lockler, Burnes, Markim, Estes, Roberts, Garret, Parsons, Hooker, Green, Rogers, Hall, Crawford, Whitesides and Aiken, Latham. (There are a lot of towns by these names in the old western District of Tenn., Weakley Co., etc. she notes.

UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, 1870: Dameron, David D., age 34, farmer, $800 born Ill., Louise E., 30 yrs. b. Ill; James C. age 11, b. Mo., Lucinda age 9, b. Mo., David N., age 7 b. Ill., Elanora C. age 5, b. Ill.

Damron, Joseph W. age 35, R.E. $6,000 (real estate) P.E. $800, born Ky., Nancy J., age 25, b. Ky., Wm. J. , S. Fannie b. Ill., Wm. R., b. Ill

Damron, Jeff. K. 1870 census, Union County, Ill., age 43, $2,000, $600, born Tenn., Katz age 47, b. Ill, Hiram, age 22., Wm., M. Jane., Mary, Jennie, Roberta Caroline, P.O. Lick Creek, Ill.

(Note the above was Joseph W. and not Jasper W. Damron, as noted erroneously elsewhere in this mss.

ILLINOIS, FRANKLIN COUNTY CENSUS, 1860:

No. 202 in the home of a Williams family there was Elizabeth Damron F 20, domestic, born in Illinois.
276 p. 561, in the home of Wm. Hatchett was William Freeman 11 born Ill., Jesse Freeman 10, born Ill.
910 Benjamin Kelly age 49 farmer, born Tenn., Nancy W., age 50, Alfred I., 16, Nancy J. 18, Isaac D., 14, Sarah E., 12, all born Tenn. (Page 910.)

ILLINOIS, JOHNSON COUNTY, 1860 Census, page 5: Edward Kelly 32, born N.C., Elizabeth 26, b. Tenn., Josephine 10 b. Ill, James R. 8, b. Ill., Mary J., 6 b. Ill., Rhoda Ann, 4 b. Ill., Nancy E. 2, b. Ill.

ILLINOIS CENSUS RECORDS, JOHNSON COUNTY, 1860:

15 Kelly, William, 48, far mer, born N.C., Sarah 45 b. Ind., John H. 17born Ind., Isaac N. 15, Gideon, 12, Elizabeth 9, Josephine 6, all born in Ind.
19 No. 140. SAMUEL DANROM 26, student of medicine, born Tenn., Ann M., 25 housekeeper born Ill., James M., 4, Lambourne (?) 1, b. Ill.
24 No. 187, C.C. DAMRON, age 59, farmer, born Ky., Mary D. 54, born Tenn., Mary C., 22 born Tenn., John W., 18 b. Tenn., Mariah D., 15 b. Tenn., Adam G. b. Ill.,age 11, Charles L. age 8 b. Ill.
25 Richard Kelly 28, farmer b. Tenn., Elizabeth G., 24, born Ala., Angeline 4, b. Ill., Pamela A. 2, b. Ill.
34 Absolom Choat 50 b. Tenn., Lucinda 50, Wm. C. 27, Jackson, 17; Rebecca J. 14; Alexander H. 12; Nancy 8, John McC. 6, C.H. Colbought 16, all children b. in Ill. (Which Choat m. Malissa Damron?)
32 Wm. C. Kelly 35 born Tenn., Pamliea, 38, b. Tenn., Mary A. 17, b. Tenn.
32 George W. Choat 25, Ill., Mary A. 19, Ill., Nancy, 3 weeks, Ill.
33 James Whitaker, 39 b. Mississippi (this means that the Whitakers were in Miss. about 1820. Could the Damrons have met them there?) Minerva, 42, Tenn., Phineas, 16, Miss., Sylvester 10, Ark.
33 Absolam Choat 30, Ill., Cathrine 25, Ky., Ezekial 4, Ill., Thomas 2, Ill.
34 Benjamin Choat 30 Ill, Louisa 24, Ill., Jackson 9, Ill., Sarah 7., Ill; Mary 6, Ill., Wm. 3, Ill; J. Allen 1, Ill.
35 Silas Choate 28, Ill., Emily 30, Tenn., Mary A. 5, Ill; Melinda 1, Ill; Margaret 58, Ky., Nicholas 25, Ill., Wm. 23, Ill., Jane 21, Ill., Margaret, Jr. 18, Ill.
41 Stephen Gill, 50, blacksmith, born N.C., Rebecca 36, housekeeper, Ky., Sarah 18, Ill., Stephen 17, Ill., James M. 13, Ill., Elizabeth 11, Ill., Susan 5, Ill., Sarah C. 1, Ill. (Stephen must have remarried after Agnes died.)
42 John Gill, wagon maker, age 30, b. Ill., Francis (female) 28, b. Ala., Rebecca 7, Ill.; Mary L. 4, Ill., Monroe 27, Ill.
45 W. R. Kelley 19 b. Ill., Mary E. 18, Ill. L. H. Kelley 30 b. Tenn., Rhoda 33, Tenn.; Nancy A. 9; Henry 8, William A. 6; John R., 4, Thomas 3, Mary G. 1, all children born Ill.
59 ELVIRA WHITAKER 45 housekeeper, born Ill., Allen 23, farmer, Am. 21, farmer, Mary 19, housekeeper, John 17, farmer, all born in Ill.
Isaac I. Dameron, 19 born Ill., Jasper S., age 12, born Ill. (These Damrons and Whitakers lived next door, evidently. Other neighbors were Balances and Thorntons.)
60 Mark Whitaker, 27 farmer, b. Ill. John W. 21, farmer, Ill., Dianah, 18, housekeeper, Ohio.
71 Benjamin Choat 30, Sarah 28, Mary A. 12, Marion 10, Wm. 6, Amanda 4, Nicholas 2, all in Ill.
87 Ihies (what could this be, not plain) Smoot 8, Levi 6/12, Sarah 18, Veolo, 18, May 6, Cinderella 4, Martha 2, all born in Ill. (Grandma M.P. Freeman Damron's mother was a Smoot and they lived in this section.
94 Margaret Kelly 50 Tenn., Martha Ann 35, Tenn., Nancy 14, Thomas 12, Elizabeth 7.
100 Wm. Sheltz, 35 b. Ky., Mary 30, Tenn., Margaret, 12, Hiram 7, Wm. 5, Lucinda 4, Jackson 1, all born in Ill. Ill.
120 Reed Smooth 47 b. Tenn., Eliza 41, Tenn. Warron 17, George 15, Benj. 12,all b.
168 MARY DAMON OR DAMRON (hard to read) 34 b. N. H., George 13, Harriet 10, Frank, etc.etc. all born in New Hampshire.
253 SAMUEL M. DAMRON (not clear but it looks like Damron) 26 b. Tenn., Sarah age 21, Charles L., 9, John T. 1, all born in Ill.
Burris family are here from N.C. and Ky.
Richardsons are here also and Gores, Pearces, Crawfords, and Elkins.

DAMERON CHARACTERISTICS: Ruth Damron Dorius wrote: "All of my Damrons were dark with black piercing eyes, yet a kindness in them. The lady I met at Mila, Virginia, in Northumberland, was dark also and said the majority were. However, she pointed out some Damron children to me and they were blonde. My Grandpa Joseph always looked Dutch to me and I guess it was the Swiss-German. He was a smart old fellow too. Mom loved to talk to him. Moses Ladd is cute and spry. Sings in the Episcopal choir." This refers to Moses Ladd of Albemarle, Va.

I received photographs from Louise H. Dameron of Sarasota, Florida, of her family. There is one of her when young in a big picture hat, a silhouette of Edward Porteous Dameron 1802-1862, son of Thomas and Ann Ball Dameron, one of Elizabeth Kennedy Dameron, wife of Hunt Thomas; (blue eyes; one of Robert Allen Dameron, M.D. taken in Cincinnati, Ohio, who is very handsome, and looks like Louise Dameron (she seems to have brown eyes). Marguerite Milliken, grand-daughter of Elizabeth Kennedy, daughterof Maria Jane Thomas who married her cousin Col. Paul Minor Milliken (cousin Kennedy side) looked dark, with brown eyes. Elizabeth Thatcher Thomas, dau. of Elizabeth Kennedy Dameron, m. Hiram Jones, did not look anything like her mother in the picture. She sent a very good picture of the five brothers, and all of them were very attractive looking people: L. to R. Edward Porteous Dameron, Jr. DDS, James Thomas (main interest horses and farming), William Kennedy, DDS., Agustus Samuel, MD, Robert Allen, MD, all sons of Edward Porteous Dameron.

In the photographs, Ruth Damron Dorius looks exactly like her grandfather's sister, Cynthia Elizabeth Damron (Moody), who did not resemble her sister Sarah Matilda at all.

Tillie Foster Anderson said that John Moody Foster looked so much like Milton Dameron of California that you could hardly tell them apart from a distance--she was referring to the way they walked and general impression rather than facial features. He once told me that when he was a boy, people said he looked "like the Moody side," meaning the Damerons and Moodys. She also said that Milton Dameron of Nevada looked almost exactly like Joseph Milton Moody, brother of Sarah Margaret Moody (Foster), however, it seemed to me he looked like his father, John Monroe Moody. I saw Helen Moody Hinckley the year she died in her 80's and took her photograph with W. A. Moody and her sister Ann Clawson... Helen Moody's eyes were exactly like those of Sarah Margaret Moody Foster, with a kind of square eyelid effect, so this must be a Moody quality; they were both very particular how they looked even in old age and quite attractive, their eyes being very expressive and dark. They were half-sisters. Their grandmother was Mary Baldwin of the Georgia Baldwins so they may have lobked like the Baldwins in this respect, as the other Moodys had blue eyes of the earlier generations apparently. The two brothers who married the two Damron sisters were both very handsome, with good profiles and intelligent faces; they had blue eyes.

M.F. Cleaton said his ancestor William Henry Dameron was "a real Dameron": "I am sending you pictures of W. H. & his wife, Julia Winifred Mangum. He started the Methodist Church in his section by teaching Sunday school in his living room . He was an intelligent man, with a wonderful wife to help him. Had a good library. Started Good Hope, Shady Grove, Liberty, Churches, still at Alberta. Gave the five acres and mostly built the church. He was ordained at Elizabeth City, N.C. by Bishop Marvin (hence my name), he never took pay for preaching, some way he was fairly prosperous, owned farms, store, and mill. He left several small notes; he had helped people, they were worthless. Shows the kind of man he was (a real Dameron). There was nothing soft or mushy about him. He helped other denominations services.

Notes from Ruth Damron Dorius on Fauquier County, Va., who said she believes the name Dameron is sometimes spelled Darnell, Darnal, etc., having found it in the records in this manner. She sent the following:

Darnell, Wm. Aug. 28, 1771, Sept. 23, 1771, will, to Hannah Sears (or Lears), Ex. Edw. Ball, wit. Sarah Jeffers, Alec Robertson.

Darnall, David, 22 Mar. 1785, 23 Oct. 1786, wife Mary, grand-dau. Molly Lees, son John, wit. Edw. Riley, Ed. Riley, Wm. Pickett.

Darnall, Jeremiah, 10 Apr. 1795, June, 1795: wife Catherine, children Elizabeth Sinclair, Susannah Smith, Leannah Ashby, Caty Darnall, Rosamond Darnall, ex. James Wright, wit. Wm. Weaver, John Martin, Henry Kearns.

Found many familiar names, many Coppages, Lewis, Smith, Martin, also names on the 9th Regt. with John Damron such as Markam, McCormack, Peter Pearce.

Fauquier Marriages: Jos. Darnal to Sarah Ball Mar. 22, 1790; also Wm. Darnall to Elizabeth Monroe Dec. 18, 1787; Raleigh Darnall to Winf. Brown 1788; Joshua Darnall to Jemima Mauzey 1798.

There was a David Darnel will in Washington County, Va. 1785. Robert T. and Geo. Dameron were in Casey Co., Ky., where the name was spelled Damaree in this county earlier.

Kentucky, Scott County: Apprais. of property June 20, 1803, by F. Bradford, Samuel Dahirin and Rhodes Coppage.

Shelby Co., Ky.: Andrew Shuck Mar. 20, 1830, ex. Peter Bonta, Albert Varies, Daniel Demaree, wit. Varies and David Damaree. (I really think Damaree is a spelling for Dameron. Whitakers were also in Shelby Co., John was a Baptist ministe

Barren Co., Ky.: John Foster named in pension paper of Wm. Peers. Found nothing in Christian Co., census. Barry Co. census 1810 no Damerons, but were Denhams.

Barren Co. Kentucky History: Settlers along Skegg Creek: Wm. Richardson, David Warren, Elijah Rogers, Shorts, Jacob Wright, ____ Moody, Chapmans, Crews, Jos. Foster, Carters, Wilburns, Denhams, Quigley, Rev. Rob. Stockton, Edw. Gill, Nichols, Wooten. (Seems as if John Damron should be among such neighbors.)

Botetourt Co., Va. census 1810 had James Damewand; also James Markam to 26; also Geo. Moudy 26-45.

Kentucky: Montgomery Co. (next to Bath Co.) Henry Shultz Will 1810, wife Phoebe John Shultz, wit. James Peruitt to _____ Shultz, March 1814, Bath Co., Ky. Arthur McLain, will, Harrison Co. about 1820, wife Sarah, Jos. Sam, Jonathan, Jane Dunn, Mary and Susan. Feb. 27, 1866, golden wedding at Mayville, Mason Co., of Christen Shultz and wife Charlotte, dau. Gen. Henry Lee who came to Ky. 1779. (There was a Dameron family of Mason Co., Ky. who moved to Ill., but didnot like it so moved back to Ky. Read this in D.A.R. library.)

We know of three Ladds with the name Cynthia: Joseph D. of Indiana, Wm. Ladd, of Henry County, Ky. and the Ladd whose family were buried in the Mississippi River John H. and John M. Ladd also lived in Henry Co., Jericho and Pleasureville.

In Fauquier County, Va. Ruth Dorius found the will of Morgan Darnall, Jr. 30 Sept. 1765: to brother Isaac Darnall, land to brother Waugh 5 lbs. To John and Saml. Wood money for 1 yr. schooling. Bro. John rifle gun. Wit. Eliz. and Jean Dannall. Exr. Father Morgan, Sr., Wit. also James Weakleya

From Hening's Statutes: Benj. Ladd to the militia of the County of Fairfax-- given to 16 troopers including Benj.-- 16,000 lbs. tobacco. This is in V. 7, and is around 1760 as V. 6 covers 1748-55. Could be a brother of Noble.

From Fauquier During the Proprietorship," by Croome: B. 16, Lazarus Dameron 838 acres Oct. 18th, 1726, on branches of Deep Run and Rocky Run.

Henry County, Va.: James Elkins 27 Aug. 1782, on Smith's River, Adj. Poteet's land. Rob. and William Kelly were here 1787.

Mecklenburg County, Va.: Kendrick, James, and Elizabeth Wright were married 12 Dec. 1797, John Wright, Sec.; also Benj. Jones and Linne Pierce 10 June, 1803, Rich. Jones, Sec.

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From Kentucky Historical Society: Mt. Gilead M.E. Church onDameron's Hill, Carthage Pike, Campbell Co., Ky.

Dameron, Frances, wife of J.B., b. 1810 d. Oct. 1849. Samuel Dameron, son of above, May to Nov. 1840. (Families buried there included Finley, Harris, Henderson, McDaniel, Rochford, Tarvin.)

Adair County, Ky.: Martha Cundiff was married June 1, 1859, parents John and Sally Damron, birthplace, Green River.

Up the Big Sandy, Ky: About 1790 the first settlers were: Harmons, Skaggs, Draper, some of the Damrons, Grahams, Browns, Marcums, Hammonds.

Lawrence County, Ky. Marriages: Sam. Damron to Dicey Copley 2-16-1849; also Geo. Damron to Sally Preston 2-16-1826.

In Charlotte and Hanover Counties, Va. she found nothing, but in Bedford County, Va. she found Eliz. Damron m. John L. Hensley 27 Sept. 1828, Phebe Damron, mother. Also Jane Dameron married Danl. Goodrich 24 Oct. 1827, mother Phebe Damron.

Crawford notes: James Crawford b. Augusta Co., Va. enlisted there 1778 3 mos. private, Capt. Wm. Colbert's Co. Col. Pat. Lockhart's Va. Reg. 3 mos. in Capt. Alex. Hanley's Co., Col. Morgan's rifle corp. and in skirmish on Yadkin River, pension 1833 in Fleming Co., Ky. Ohio County, Ky. marriages show: Crawford, Jessie and Woolley, Levi, 8-1-1814, Baird, Thomas; Mason and McCary, Mary Polly 2-10-1805, N. Ross. Also Gill, Thomas and Shayer, Francis 12-13-1806, J. Ranal; Also Pearce, Soloman and Iler, Jane 10-19-1832, Iler, Perry; Nancy and Renfrow, Alfred, 10-14-1832, Absolom Pearce.

Alabama, Madison, County: 1814 Sion Damron and Wm. Damron were there, also 1822 Thomas and Mary Moody.

Tennessee, Franklin Co. 1808-1818 deeds: John Leon to Solomon Stone 14 Oct. 1808, witnesses, Leroy May, Jesse Martin, Thomas Hopkins, John Miller, Amos Ladd, Solomon Stone, Jr., Absalom Russell,cfc.

Mrs. L.T. Neat, a descendant of the Adair County, Ky. Damerons, wrote from Columbia, Ky. to Ruth Dorius Nov.5,1953: "Am sending you the names of our family. Our grandfather was Samuel Damron and his wife was Nancy Edrington Damron, and they had six sons, and 7 daughters. The sons were: Bob, Elsey (my father), Samuel, John, Sandy and George, daughters, Lucy, Sarah, Judith, Mattie, Mary, Nancy and Bettie who died when a young girl so our father told us. Don't know anything about Bob Damron but father said he went to Mo. and settled in Sedalia, Mo. and about 3 yrs. ago I rec'd a letter from Mrs. Magnola Major, Sedalia, Mo. telling me she was the only child of Bob Damron living and she and a daughter and 2 sons was all of Bob's children living. I had a letter from her not quite a year ago and said shewas 78 yrs. so if she is living now that leaves only 4 of we Damron women living that I know of. One first cousin lives in Phoenix, Arizona, and the other in Louisville, ky. and my self. John D. went to Tex. and died there. Sandy never married and was buried in our grandfather Damron's burying ground on the farm. George, the youngest, boy went to Oklahoma and died there My father and Uncle Sam were the only boyds that staid in Adair Co. Ky. My father died in 1919 at the age of 87, and Uncle Sam died in 2 or 3 years after father, in Linchorin Co., Ky. He left 3 sons and these two daughters I have mentioned above. Of my father's children there were 4 of us, My brother Asure Damron and myself. He lives near me. He is 78 and I am 81 young. My husband died in 1940 at the age of 79. My brother's wife died 25 yrs. a go. They had two girls but both are dead. We have one nephew of our oldest sister and one niece of the other sister. One sister died in 1932 and the other in 1933. By the way this niece of ours lives in good old Va. and our father told us his father came from Va. He was a slave owner and brought to Ky. with him and settled in Adair Co. and builded a beautiful brick house, everything handmade, on a knoll overlooking Green River of fine bottom land and when father married he bought land just one mile from his father's home and we were borned and raised there till we all were married. My niece just lives 15 or 20 minutes drive from Langly Field, Hampton, and Newport News. I have a friend in Columbia who is getting up the history of our family for a great granddaughter of John Damron (our father's uncle) and she sent me 2 coppies of some of the data she had found, for she knew I would want it. So the next day after I received it, this first cousin Julia who lives in Louisville, Ky. stopped to visit us as she was on her way to see her sick brother Mont Damron who lives 25 miles from my home in Casey Co. and was telling me about her daughter getting up the history of the Damron family and asking me questions about same, and I showed what Ruth had sent me the day before. She said, 'Cousin Mary, won't you let me have these papers so my daughter can coppy them? I will mail them back to you." I let her have them and she has not sent them to me as yet, she goes to see her brother Mont Damron and stays a week some time so I do not know her street no. and since your letter came I have written her cousin Mont Damron's son the Rev. Woodrow Damron to tell her when she is at the home for her to send the papers to me or send me her st. no. So that is why I have been so long to write to you. I wanted to coppy them for you for believe they might help you out with your history. I'll get them if I have to send the law for them and when I do will send a coppy to you. Do trust you can make out my scribbling for I cannot do as I used to. I have neuritis in both hands and arms and have to shape and rub my hands to get them to operate again. I have told you all I know of our father's family.

"This morning I received the papers I loand my cousin, so coppy these and send back to me and I will have 2 more papers to send you later on, that I will receive from my second cousin, Rev. Woodrow Damron who said that he had some history of the D's but his brother in Linchorin Co. had them and when he copied them he would send them to me. Woodrow says the part of history he will send me is the dates names, and years, when married from 1776 on down. Am proud of the Damron name, also of my sainted mother's name who was a Jones. Love."

THE DAMRONS OF HALIFAX, VA., AND NORTH CAROLINA

The King's Mountain Men, by K. K. White, 1924, says: "George Damron was under Major Chronicle at King's Mountain and took part in several other engagements. He was pensioned in Lincoln Co. Descendants are in N.C. and East Tennessee." In Pittsylvania George Dameron married S. Boyd 5 Jan. 1785, and John Dameron m. Elizabeth Boyd, 31 Dec. 1795. In Halifax County, Va. George Dameron and wife sold land to Finn Williams, June 26, 1777, on the Dan River; Geo. Dameron and wife sold to James Ricketts 23 Dec. 1805. John Dameron sold to Kendreck Thomas Aug. 1776 160 acres on Byrds Creek. Sarah and H. Dameron sold to Finn Williams June 1797, 66 3/4 acres on Dan River. Sarah and H. Dameron sold Dec. 1805, 113 acres on Burtram's Camp Branch In the pension bureau in Washington I found the declaration of George Dameron of Halifax, Va. who went to Lincoln Co., N.C. 1798, dated Fayetteville, N.C. The 1820 Lincoln County census shows G. Dameron and J. Dameron. A deed dated 7 Nov. 1798 between Henry Davis of Lincoln County and George Dameron, formerly of Virginia, sold to Dameron 100 acres for 100 pounds on the waters of Catawba River, joining lands of Abraham Scott and Robt. Alexander. Witnesses: John Price, Thos. Vaughn, JOHN DAMERON. Owens were also here, also Rudisells, no Shultz but many Shulls.

Lincoln and Tryon Counties, N.C. Marriages showed:
David Damronm. Sarah Huson, Ed. Huson, 9 May 1800.
Dixon Dameron m. Liusia Weathers, Alex. Strain, 1840.
Edward B. Damron m. Elizabeth Henry, Ed. Boyd, 1819.
John Dameron m. Margret Ryan 1837, by I. Holland.
Joseph Damron m. Mary Brimer 1831.
Thomas Dameron m. Susannah Huson, 1810.
William Dameron m. Margret Tucker; Joseph Dameron md. by Isaac Holland, 1828.
Wm. Gregory and Annie Dameron m. 1829 by Holland.
David N. Glenn and Cinthy Dameron m. 1839.
John Huson and Nancy Damron, David Damron, 1803.
Uriah Pollard and Sarah W. Dameron, Joseph X Dameron, 1822.
Wm. Pollard and Nancy Dameron, Uriah Pollard, 1828, by B. J. Thompson.

McAllister says that in 1777 Moody's company went to Pennsylvania. In 1779 Witcher's company joined General Green in South Carolina. In 1780 William had service against the Tories. In 1780 John Wynn's was at the battle of Guilford Courthouse--James Turner, Henry Burnley, John Beckley, Wm. Clark, John Falkner; at the Siege of York--Fred Batt with Falkner. Some officers of Halifax Co., Va. were Capt. Fleming Bates, Peter Rogers, James Coleman, Geo. Wiley, Geo. Moore, Col. Geo. Boyd, Wm. Moore and Richardson. (Above refers to Halifax County, Va.)

George Damron's Declaration for pension on file in Washington, D.C. gives the following: "George Dameron, Virginia Troops, Priv. Cert. 19275, Fayetteville, N.C., Res. Lincoln Ct. N.C. 33 years and previously in Halifax, Va. Pen. beg. March 4, 1832. Died prior to Dec. 1832. $8.00 per month. George Dameron enlisted in Capt. Dooley's Co. of Cavalry and afterward served in Capt. Cooper's Co. of Cavalry, Col. Malby. Came to this county 1798, prev. in Halifax, Va." A card has a note that he was a private in Capt. DOOLY'S Co. regt. of Col. White, Va. Line 2 years from 1777.

The Declaration made by George Dameron or Damron (spelled both ways) himself reads: that he served from March 1777 to "March 1779 when hewas taken prisoner by the enemy and remained in their custody until the conclusion of the war. He enlisted in the Continental Service under Capt. John Dooly, commander of a Company of horse, subject to the command, as he understood, of Col. White in the State of Virginia andCounty of Pitsylvania in March, 1777. His first station was atDooley's Fort, second, Had's Fort, third on the frontiers of Georgia, then shifted to the command of Lieut. Camon (or Cabell--unreadable). His fourth term was at a place on Ogeechee River where he was surrounded by the Tories and Indians and was returned by General Clark. He was later in

Nasum's (?) Fort in Georgia andin Augusta andSavannah. Then under Thos. Davenport, he went to Savanna (?) and to St. Augustine, where he was discharged in 1783, in E. Florida." He listed his property as being only "one small mare 18-19 years old, one cow, two steers, one sow, four pigs, 3 shotes, 1 bit furniture, table, 5 knives, 5 forks. His family consists of himself who is old, infirm, his wife is about 67 and afflicted with rheumatic pains and a daughter about 24 years of age." (A photostat of the above could be obtained from the Pension Bureau, Washington, D.C. for about $1 or $2, by writing to them.)

The North Carolina Pension List p. 418 has George Dameron, pensioned in Lincoln County, and p. 480 describes the presence of George Damron at the battle of Kings' Mountain. This reference is p. 574 of Miscellaneous Vol. xxii, State Rec. of N.C. Pensioners, 1835. Other references on the subject are: North Carolina Troops in the Continental Establishment, 1896; Colonial and State Records of North Carolina 1662-1790, V. 16; Historical Sketches of North Carolina from 1584 to 1851, Wheeler, 2 vols. See also Mrs. J.E. Hays' "Hero of Hornet'sNest," a biography of Elijah Clark, which is a story of Georgia during the Revolution. There is quite a bit about Dooly in this book.

Mary G. Bryan, Director, Department of Archives and History, 1516 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. wrote to Mrs. Pearce: "I have only one Roll commanded by Colonel John Dooly of Wilkes County from June-August, 1778, on which is a list of five officers and 30 men. I have checked it carefully and no Damron (Dameron) appears. Of course, the Rolls are very incomplete for the Revolutionary period. It is hard to say just where Capt. Dooly was killed. I quote below from page 51, Roster ofRevolutionary Soldiers in Georgia, by McCall:

"JOHN DOOLY, b. N.C.; came from S.C. to the Ceded Lands of Ga. (now Wilkes Co.) with a wife, 3 sons, and 3 orphan nephews in 1762. Served as a captain of the 2nd Continental Ga. Brigade, later Colonel. Was killed by the Tories, 1780. Several of these Toriescrossed the Savannah river and were later captured by the 'War Heroine' of Ga., Nancy Hart. Others were also captured and hanged at Tory Pond in Wilkes Co. Dooly Co., Ga. was named for Col. Dooly and formed in 1821. His brother, Thomas Dooly, Rev. soldier, was killed July 22, 1776, in a skirmish with the Indians, while returning to Ga. with a band of recruits for the Ga. Continental Army. Another brother, George Dooly, served under Capt. Hart. No John Dameron is mentioned in Georgia's Roster of the Revolution, by Knight. Only Charles Dameron and Mary Dameron appear."

The following is copied from L. F. Hays' Hero of Hornet's Nest: "Thomas, George and John Dooley crossed near the mouth of Broad River and found a place near Savannah river, just below Fort James (his brothers). John Dooley and Elijah Clark were old friends from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina before coming to Georgia. John followed Clark. John Dooley, first Mjr. then Captain;,then Colonel, was murdered in his sleep by Tories. John Dooley, signing himself as Colonel of Militia of Wilkes County, Georgia, and Commandant of the Forces in the State of Georgia, issued a Proclamation, dated 27 June, 1779, from Butler's Creek, etc. The Supreme Executive Council ordered Wilkes County to form a more legal court, so they organized a Court..and elected three justices...and made John Dooley Attorney for the State (1779-1780)."

The pension of this George Damron does not claim service at Kings' Mountain and says he was a prisoner from March 1779 to "the conclusion of the war." Nor does it state that he was under Major Chronicle. I therefore believe that it was the George Damron of Amherst who was at Kings' Mountain, and that he was probably in Russell County, 1793, with the other Damrons of Albemarle County, John, Lazarus, Richard and Moses. Gwathmey and White must have confused the two.

DEED FROM MOSES DAMRON TO SAMUEL DUNLOP, ROWAN CO., N.C. 1770

"This Indenture made the thirty first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy between MOSES DAMRON of the County of Rowan in the Province of North Carolina of the one part and Samuel Dunlop of the aforesaid county of the other part: Witnesseth that the said Moses Damron for the consideration of the sum of fifty pounds curent money of this Province to him in hand paid by the said Samuel Dunlop the receipt whereof the said Damron do hereby acknowledge thereof and every part thereof doth acquit and discharge the s'd Dunlop his Heirs executors andadministrators forever by these presents hath given, granted, bargained and sold aliened and confirmed unto the said Samuel Dunlop his heirs executors and administrators forever all the dividend tract or parcel of Land containing seventy acres more or less lying and being in the County of Rowan on the north side of Dan River being part of a Tract of three hundred and seventy acres obtained by a deed from the Earl of Granville having the date the fifteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and fifty six by Patrick Mullins and bounded as follows--Beginning at the mouth of Blackey's Branch running up the said branch to a black & white oak and thence running West to Dan River thence down the said River its meanders to the beginning with all woods underwoods water & water courses, feedings, pastures, easements, commodities hereditaments and appurtenances whatever to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining the Reversion and Reversions and Remainders and all and singular the estate, rights, title, property, claim and demand of the said Dividend tract or parcel of Land and all and singular other with premises and these and every of their appurtenances unto the said Samuel Dunlop and his heirs to the proper use and behoof forever and the s'd Damron for himself his heirs the (s'd tract or parcel of land and premises with the appur.to the Said Samuel Dunlop--this was inserted in a separate sentence--HFS) of him the said Samuel Dunlop and his heirs against the said Damron and all and every other person or persons lawfully claim or claiming by from or under him them or any of them shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents and the said Damron doth agree and oblige himself and his heirs forever to make any further deed or deeds of conveyance or conveyances unto the said Samuel Dunlop or his heirs or his assigns or any learned in the law shall reasonable think or devise for the further increasing (?) the right and premises aforesaid In Witness Whereof the said Moses Damron hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year above written. MOSES DAMRON.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered in the presence of WILLIAM MULLINS STEPHEN (X) CLAYTON, JUNr. HUGH DENNUM.

"North Carolina, of Surrey County Nov. Term, 1772, the within deed of sale was proved by the oath of Hugh Dennum and on motion it was ordered by s'd court to be registered. Test. JESSE BENTON,C.C."

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DEED FROM MOSES DAMRON TO HUGH DENNUM 1770, ROWAN AND SURRY COUNTIES:

"This Indenture made the thirteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy between Moses Damron of the County of Rowan in North Carolina and Hugh Dennum of said county, that said Moses Damron in consideration of the sum of twenty pounds to him in hand paid by the said Hugh Dennum before the sealing and delivery of these presentts & receipt whereofthe said Moses Damron doth hereby acknowledge himself paid hath bargained grantec onnfirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell confirm unto the s'd Hugh Dennum hisheirs & assigns forever all the tract or parcel of land situated in aforesaid county and province of North Carolina on the NORTH SIDE OF DAN RIVER above the upper chain (?) and town (?) being part of a survey of three hundred and seventy five acres which lands and premises was granted to Patrick Mulleny from John Earl Granville reference thereto being had will more fully appear beginning against a puncheon (?) camp running east to a pine thence north to a spanish oak thence west to Blackay's branch thence down the said branch to Dann River thence down the river to the beginning containing fifty acres with Reversions, Remainders, rents, issues and all estate rights title whatsoever of him the said Moses Damron of and to the said above mentioned to have

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MOSES DAMRON TO HUGH DENNUM CONTINUED:
and to hold, possess, enjoy etc. the said tract and premises unto the said Hugh Dennum his heirs etc. By these presents that he the said Moses Damron for himself and his heirs etc. covenant and agree to and with the said Hugh Dennum his heirs etc. and by these presents that he the said Moses Damron defend unto the said Hugh Dennum his heirs forever and from all persons and claims the said Moses Damron his heirs or any other person or persons whatsoever, In Witness Whereof the said Moses Damron hath hereunto set his hand andseal the year above written. MOSES DAMRON.
IN PRESENCE OF WILLIAMS MULLINS STEPHEN (X) CLAYTON JUNr. Jurat.
SURRY COUNTY, November Term, 1774. The execution of the within deed was duly proved in open court by oath of Stephen Clayton, recorded and registered. Test. JESSE BENTON C.C." (Copied at the Dobson courthouse.)

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RECORDS OF SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Book A, p. 318. HARMON,MORRIS 200acres from State of North Carolina in Surrey County on both sides of Red Bank Creek of Town fork 20 Sept. 1771.

Execution Docket to February Term, 1772 (written on first page). I looked this over.

Execution Docket to November Term, 1774, continued.
8 ANTHONY BLEDSOE
16 THE OFFICE VS. JOHN DAMERON F.F. Am. 3:6:4 N.C.
Execution Docket for November 1774, continued.
FRANCIS REYNOLDS vs. David Preston. Nothing found. F.F.
Lanes and Williams vs. RICHARD MORRIS. Nothing found.
A Civil Docket for the County of Surry, Jo. Wilton's. P. 1 Causes for Trial to Nov. 1774--Wm. Carmichael 4; James Carson vs. England, rec. of Honour Carson, Jno. Carson and Thomas Carson; Henry Snow 28. 30--NOBLE LADD appt. vs. John Glenn appeal. Indo. of the magistrates, set aside Ind. vs. Glenn for costs. (This must be 1774.) 4--Boone. Hugh Montgomery vs. McCall & Edw.(?) Boone, case. The def. Boone appears in person--1. (Appearances to Nov. Term, 1774, included the Boone item. 70--Wm. Davis debt. 70--Wm. Thompson, issue ex. on Plf. Anthony Bledsoe 32.
"#63. Lanier & Williams vs. Benjamin Watson. August 75 Debt. Genl. Issue & P.W.A. discont'd." (Above was under Causes for Tryal to May Term 1779.)
"64. SAME VS. JOHN DAMERON, Debt. P. LANIER BAIL/ Cont'd--48.
APPEARANCES TO MAY TERM, 1779:
"49. LANIER & WILLIAMS VS. JOHN DAMERON, Debt. R. Lanier Bl. Judgment by Deft. cont'd." (From Aug. '75.)
"54. Wm. McClain Aug. 75.
New Actions to Aug. Term. 1779: 19--John Cooley vs. JOHN CAMMERON, Slander, not exd. & parties agreed."

Execution Docket to February Term, 1775, Continued. 20--THE OFFICE VS. JOHN DAMERON F.F. 3.11.4 Ex. satisfied.
Justice Reynolds here 1775. JOSEPH GENTRY here 1775. Alexander Carson here 1775, also Abraham Creson 32. vs. Ben Johnson of Wilkes Co.
Hugh Dunham 18. Richard Blanks 19. William Foster here 1775.
TO MAY TERM, 1775: Lanier & Williams vs. AMOS LADD, Deft. Genl. Issue with leaves.
Benjamin Davis here.
J.W. J. D. 63. Lanier & Williams vs. Noble Ladd, case, Feb. 1775. Gen. issue with leave 51. con'td.
32. Lanier and Williams vs. JOHN DAMERON--Debt. Ex. & Colo. Lanier Bail--99. (New Actions to August Term, 1775.) 51. Lanier & Williams vs. Noble Ladd, Debt. Feby. 75. 71--Land & Williams vs. Amos Ladd, May 75.
(I read all of above book. It was in bad condition and hard to read as the items were usually not dated and you had to look back to find the dates. These old records were not being taken care of at all. I did not read carefully all the court dockets and records but checked through most of them. A good deal of time would be required to read them thoroughly.)
1831 Minutes I found nothing. Note: Harmons were among the Long Hunters from N.C. to Kentucky. The Carsons were the family of Kit, who was b. Hunting Creek.

NOTES ON ROWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, ON THE DAMRONS

DEED TO MOSES DAMRON FROM WILLIAM JOHNSON, 1767, Rowan Co., N.C. Deed Book 6,491:

"This Indenture made the Fourteenth Day of August in the year of our Lord 1767 between William Johnston of the County of Rowan in the province of North Carolina, of the one part, and MOSES DAMRON of the afore'd county of the other part, Witnesseth that the s'd Johnson for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty five pounds Current Money, of this province to him in hand paid by the s'd Moses Damron the Receipt whereof he the s'd Johnston Do hereby acknowledge thereof & every part thereof Doth Clearly Acquit & Discharge the s'd Moses Damron his heirs Exrs. & Admrs. forever by these presents, hath given granted bargained & Sold aliend & Confirm'd and by these presents hath given granted bargained & sold aliened and confirmed unto the s'd Moses Damron and his Heirs forever all that Dividand Tract or parcel of land containing by estimation seventy acres more or less lying and being in the County of Rowan on the north sid of Dan River being part of a tract of three hundred and forty acres obtained by a deed of me lord Earl of Granville it bearing date the fifteenth of March 1756 obtained by the s'd Mullings and bounded as followeth beginning at the mouth of BLACKEY'S BRANCH OF THEUPPER SIDE of the branch & from thence up the Branch to a black oak & a white oak, and thence Runing West to DAN RIVER, thence Down the Various Courses of the river to the beginning with all woods underwood ways water and water courses feeding pastures easments Commodities hereditaments & appurtanances whatsoever to the s'd belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the Revertion & Revertions & Remainders and all & singular the estate right title & property claim & Demand of the s'd tract or parcel of land of all & Singular other with the premises & there & every of their appurtenances unto Moses Damron & his Heirs to the only proper use & behoof of him the s'd Moses Damron forever, and the s'd Johnston for himself & his heirs the s'd tract or parcel of land and premises with the appurtenances unto the s'd Moses Damron & his heirs against him the s'd Johnston and all & every other person or persons Lawfully claiming or claiming by from or under him them or any of them shall & will warrant and forever defend by these presents and the s'd Johnston doth agree and oblige himself & his heirs forever to make any further Deed or Deeds of Conveyance as he the s'd Moses Damron or his heirs or his assigns or any Learned in the Law shall reasonably think or devise for the better securing the right & premises afores'd In Witness Whereof he the s'd William Johnston have here unto set his hand afores'd and affixed his seal the Day and Year above written.

(Signed) WM. JOHNSTON.

Signed & Delivered in the
presence of us NOBLE LADD
HUGH DENNUM (mark)

"Memorandum the fourteenth Day of August 1767 Quiet and peaceable possession of the land and Tenements was had & taken by the s'd William Johnston & by him delivered unto the s'd Moses Damron to the use of him the s'd Moses Damron & his Heirs and assigns forever according to the true meaning and intent of the within written deed in the presence of WM. JOHNSTON.
NOBLE LADD HUGH DENNUM (Mark)

North Carolina : This is to Certify that the within Deed was proved in open
Rowan County Court and Recorded in the Clerk'soffice according to law.
Ordered to be Registered. Test-JOHN HROHOCK, C.C."

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Blackey's Branch of Dan River is near the Virginia border now. It later became Stokes County when Stokes was cut from Surry 1789. These Damrons could have come down Dan River from Halifax Co., Va. where a John and George married two Boyd women.

DEED FROM PATRICK MULLINGS TO MOSES DAMRON, ROWAN CO., N.C. 1767, Book 6, p. 492:

"This indenture made this Second Day of Februa y in the year of our Lord 1767 bwtween Patrick Mullings of the County of Rowan in the province of North Carolina of the one part and MOSES DAMRON of the aforesaid County of the other part Witnesseth that the s'd Mullings for & in consideration of the sum of thirty five pounds paid by the s'd Moses Damron the receipt whereof he the s'd Mullings do hereby acknowledge thereof and ever part thereof clearly acquit & discharge the s'd Moses Damron his heirs exrs. & admrs. forever by these presents hath given granted bargained sold aliened & confirmed and by these presents hath given granted bargained sold aliened & confirmed unto the s'd Moses Damron & his heirs forever all that Divident tract or parcel of land containing by estimation sixty acres more or less lying and being in the county of Rowan on the NORTH SIDE OF DAN RIVER being part of a tract of three hundred & twenty five acres obtained by a deed from the Earl of Granville bearing Date the fifteenth day of March 1756 by the s'd Mullings and Bounded as followeth-- Beginning at the mouth of BLACKEY'S BRANCH on the lower side running up the Branch to the back line of the s'd tract thence along the s'd line to the corner a Spanish oak, thence along the other line South sixty chin to-the corner a pine thence along the other line to DAN RIVER at PUNCHIN CAMP thence up the River as it meanders to Beginning With all woods underwoods ways waters and water courses feedings pastures easments commodities hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining and the Riversions and Riversions and Remainders andall & singular the estate right titles property claim and demand of the s'd Mullings of in or to the premises or any part thereof with the appurt'n TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE s'd Divident tract or parcel of land all & singular other with the premises and their & every of their appurtenances unto the s'd Moses Damron & his heirs to the only proper use and behoof of him the s'd Moses Damron forever and the s'd Mullings for himself & his heirs the s'd tract or parcel of land and premises with the appurtenances unto the s'd Moses Damron and his heirs aganst him the s'd Mullings and all and every other person or persons lawfully claiming by from or under him or them or any of them shall & will warrant and forever defend by these presents and the s'd Mullings doth agree & oblidge himself & his heirs to make any further deed or deeds convaent or convances as he the s'd Moses Damron or his heirs or assigns or any learned in the law shall reasonably think or devise for the better securing the said rights &premises. In witness whereof he the s'd Patrick Mullings hath hereunto sett his hand & affixed his seal the Day & year above written. PATRICK (X) MULLINGS.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presense of--HUGH DENNUM THOMAS (T) ROGERS, his mark WILLIAM (M) MULLINGS his mark.

"Memorandum that on the Second day of February 1767 Quiet and peaceable possession of the lands & tenements was had & taken by the s'd Patrick Mullings and by him delivered unto the s'd Moses Damron to the use of him the s'd Moses Damron his heirs forever according to the true meaning of the within written deed in the presence of PATRICK (X) MULLINGS HUGH DENNUM WILLIAM (M) MULLINGS, his mark.

Febr. Term. 1767

NORTH CAROLINA, ROWAN COUNTY: This is to certify that the within deed was proved in open c court and recorded in the Clerk's office according to law. Ordered to be registered. Test JOHN HROHOCK C.C."

(Note: I was told in Salisbury that the Secretary of State, Raleigh, has the plats and maps of the grants in this area and that Blackey's Creek is part of Dan River near Virginia. This county formerly extended to Ohio and the Pacific coast.)

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In Surrey at Dobson we found nothing in Wills but for Ladds. A Docket Containing the Appointment of Overseers of Roads at Dobson had: 1808 Aug. Term. Ordered by the court that Joseph PENNINGTON be appointedoverseer of the mineral spring road from Howard's Foard on the Aarrarat to Mattuays (?) Branch and the hands convenient to work thereon." In the 1831 Minutes I found nothing. In the 1779 Book of Presentments for Aug. 1775 ____ Morgan was appointed Constable in Capt. Absalom Bostick's district. In Causes for Tryall to Nov. Term 1779 was: Lanien & Williams vs. AMOS LADD, May 75 Debt. Genl. Issue with Leave. (Note: I noticed that in 1955 the salaries for Surry were:court steno. $1500, Clerk $4800; Asst. Clerk $2700; Deputy Clerk $1800. In the ladies washroom "White 'and Colored' Women" was the sign--"and colored" scratched in as this was the beginning of de-segregation in N.C.

DEED FROM HUGH MORRIS TO ABRAHAM LYMPAH, SURRY CO., N.C. 1790. Book D, p.206:

Deed made the seventh day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and ninety between HUGH MORRIS of Orange County and State of No. Carolina and Abraham Lympah of the County of Stokes... land being in the county of Surry state aforesaid containing two hundred and forty acres lying on the waters of the Branch that empties into the Yadkin River on the south side through Thompson' Glen's plantation adjoining the lands of Thompson Glen and W. Speer, Geo. Ripins and John Thos Longino it being a tract of land conveyed from John Thos Longino to him the s'd Hugh Morris... HUGH MORRIS. Witnesses: MATT BROOKS MARY BROOKS, Surry Court, 1790, Test. J. Williams C.C.

Deed Book K, p. 273, Surry County, N.C. Deed from DAVIS MORRISS to Gideon Woodruff, 30th day of September 1804...David Morriss of the county of Surry, N.C. and Gideon Woodruff of the county aforesaid...land situated on the waters of Yadkin River...Beginning at the corner of Dougall McMiches' (?) south line to Daniel Corkerhouse's line...240 acres... DAVID MORRISS. Witnesses: Richard Gentry William Gentry. November Session 1804, Test. JO. WILLIAMS, C.C.

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Execution Docket, May Term, 1791, book dates from 1789, Surry Co. N.C. "JOSEPH LADD is apptd. overseer of the road in the room of David Linville." This was 3 or 4 pages from the beginning of the book and had no date.

1788 Court; Present Con. Ladd and 4 other Esquires. 1788 To Constante Ladd for serving as Jurror at salarySept. Term. 1787. Thomas Morris is here.

Feb. Term 1789: "Ordered by the court that Noble Ladd William Ladd Almond Guin Joseph Vaughn John Webster Samuel Smith...Robt. Majors...John Critendon...lay off road...Samuel Young apptd. overseer above John Bronson down to Rockingham line. Richard Goode here, also Jonas Reynolds, also John Young, Childress, Michael Fry. No. 11 is State vs. MARYREYNOLDS.

May 1789: Constant Ladd Justice, apptd. with Archball Campbell. This book was not indexed. Could not find any minutes but 1785-1788. I read to the Aug. Term 1789. Joshua Freeman was here, also John Schaub. Hugh Dennum's will was proved by Charles McAnnally. Isaac Clements was an executor, 1789 Nov. Term. Many Wilbournes were here. Estate of John Thompson settled, about 1787.

November Term, 1788. Const. Ladd, Esq. present, and John Taliaferro. Tilleys were here, Henryetc. Thomas Ball was here and Shadrick Prewett, 1788. In 1788 the collector for Shouses District was Michael HOOVER (probably ancestor of Pres. Herbert Hoover). With him were Andrew Robinson and Jno. Cooley or Conley, supts.

To Edward Clanton, tavern rates: Good proof whiskey half pint L 0.1 0c. Good proof brandy half pint 1s 0c. Common breakfast 1 and 6. Common dinner 1 and 6. Dinner with hott roast and boiled 2 and 6. Lodging and night clean bed and sheets 0 and6. This was 1788. One s or shilling was about 20 cents.

Heath and Hughlett were here. No. 121 HUGH MORRIS a witness for plf. proves 10 miles and 7 days. Isham Thompson here.

1807. WILLIAM THOMPSON is overseer of a road.

1828 JAMES THOMPSON overseers road from Sawfield Fork to Fishers Gap Road. Stephen Thompson here, also Fountain Snow, Fielding Snow, William Snow.

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S rry records are not indexed and are in bad condition. Idid not look very carefully through the court dockets. I read the Book for 1775 carefully, which contained item 32 Lanier & Williams vs. John Dameron, for debt, ex. and Colo. Lanier Bail. 99." Surry had no Kuykendall in the indexes. For Thompsons it had Richard 1771, Adam 1771, E. 1771, Wm. J. and E., Edward, Evan and J. Surry Book T, p. 422 had: DAVID THOMPSON of Smith,State of East Tennessee, 1823, deed to Jepe Vennable, David Thompson was attorney for John Thompson. (John Damron's second wife named her first child David, so this looks to be the name of her grandfather. Many Revolutionary soldiers from the Cumberland Gap region went to Smith and Sumner Counties,Tenn.)

Deed Books Surry Co., N.C. Noble Ladd from Jo. Patterson B. 208, 1771; Noble Ladd from State 200 ac. C. 11, 1780; Noble Ladd 200 ac. from State C 14, 1780. Book M, p. 320 has Thomas Moody, who lived in this region with Thojas Young, his father-in-law. Benjamin Davis was in Surry 1775; Isham Thompson mentinned 1788.

GENERAL NOTES VIRGINIA AND TENNESSEE

LEE COUNTY, VIRGINIA (formed 1792 from Russell County).

Deed Book 7, p. 149: Aug. 3, 1835, deed to ELI DAMRAL from William Poteete. Book 7, p. 364. Deed to Eli Damral Aug. 16, 1837, from A. W. Mills. (The name Damral is the same as Dameron.)

This county has mostly Dickensons and many Hatfields, no Hanks. Hursts are here. In 1801 I found JAMES THOMPSON, John and Jonathan Thompson. Vincent Russell was in Lee 1824, 30, 38. Shumates are here. Drewry Spurlock and wife were mentioned in 1806 and 1810. Campbells are here. Abraham Bledsoe was here 1799. Bufords and Balls are here. Joseph BROCK was here 1808. William Berry was here May 3, 1844.

SCOTT COUNTY, VIRGINIA. At Gate City, the county seat, we found the following: S. W. DAMELL, to Homestead 18, 302. William C. Dorton 11, 268. Jacob Dorton and wife 18, 496. No Weddington was in the will books. Scott was cut off frm Russell, Lee and Washington in 1814, so any Damrons would have been cut off into Scott possibly.

The following notes were on the same page with Scott County notes but among the Claiborne Co., Tenn. pages: Apr. 8, 1816--JAMES THOMBSON; 1816 WM. WELCH; Sept. 10, 1816 RICHARD WILSON; Sept. 8, 1817 JAMES THOMPSON. Read up to Sept. 10, 1817. Fleming Buck or Berk Apr. 13, 1818; James Thompson 1818, assault. Read up to Sept. 18, 1818. Edw. Campbell on p. 337. (Note: However, these look to be Russell Co. notes.)

RUSSELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA: Notes on Dorton's--William, Sr. 1813, mortgage; 4-635 on Moll's Creek; also 5-520, 20 acres, 25 ac. Feb. 8, 1817. Book 4, p. 635--3 Aug. 1813, Wm. Johnson to Wm. Dorton $20.00. Book 5, p. 520, 1817, Wm. Dorton. (Note: Robinetts live in the Castlewood district--they own the former John Damron place now, Miss Aiken said.)

Book 4, p. 385, RussellCo., Va. Feb. 1, 1811. JOHN PENNINGTON and wife Nancy of Russell Co. and Elijah Gillenwaters of Washington Co. for $200.00. They sold to Gillenwaters twenty three acres "which is granted to the said John Pennington by indenture of bargain and sale from Samuel Ewing attorney for Aughan Charles McClung dated 24 Sept. 1808, in Russell County on Mocasson Creek and south side including the mineral springs north side Clinch Mountain, near the path that crosses the mountain at the Casenwallers. JOHN PENNINGTON, NANCY PENNINGTON. See also Book 3, p. 488.

James Thompson was in Russell 1809 vs. Thomas Welch; also Richard Thompson 1815 and Alexander Montgomery 1814--Court Records.

CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE: GEORGE SHOULTS was on a jury Nov. 11, 1819; William Toodd or Laird was deceased, p. 35, Elizabeth, adm. with John Hodges. Hugh Montgomery Feb. 14, 1820, lived on road to Lee County, had dwelling house there. Givens were here. Feb. 17, 1820, JACOB SHOULTS, Senr. was a juror, p. 20. Samuel Wilson was here. Jacob Shoults Senr. May 9, 1820 here.

Claiborne Co., Tenn. Marriages: Hatfields: William to Susan Fields 1881; James to Eliz. Woolt. 1881; Alves to S. L. Pratt, 1882; Moses to Emaline Morse, 1882; William H. to Cisy Marsee 1882; J. A. to Margaret Brooke, 1893; Abe to Martha Bussell, 1895.

Claiborne was formed 1801; earliest records begin 1838. Lunsfords are here. JOHN LAIRD, et als to Martin Salathiel, deed, 1811, Book D, p. 91 $1,000.00; also 1811 D. 93, $1,000 same parties. JACOB SHULTS to Devault, Henry, 1808, B. p. 95, $67.00. Shoemakers were here, also Dunsmores. MARTIN V. SHULTZ to Margret V. Dunsmore 1850, 2, 161. Read "S" section up to 1867. B. F. Shultz m. Eliza J. Johnson, 1872; W. F. Shultz m. Mrs. A. Breeding, 1881, 4-130. No Damrons was found in marriges. Claiborne records were mostly destroyed by fire.

THE DAMRONS IN CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Tazewell, the county seat of Claiborne County, Tennessee, is a border county near the Cumberland Gap. It is a very poor little town with no business much at present except the courthouse, but yousee many of the old settlers' names still. Claiborne was formed in 1801, from Hawkins Co.

Court Orders, Claiborne County, Tenn.

Sept. session, 1803, p. 155: WILLIAM DAMRON is on a jury for Benjamin Andrews vs. Wm. Nations.

December Session, 1803, p. 168: WILLIAM DAMRON is on the jury--John Bullard vs. Joseph Powell.

December Session, 1803, p. 171: Ordered by the court that the following named persons be a jury to view and lay out a road from Hezekiah Jurdens to intersect the Kentucky road near Roddyes ferry on Powel's River also to extend the Valley road to the Virginia line in a direction to intersect the Virginia road in Powel's Valley: Archibald McKinney, Samuel Wyatt, James Bruster, CHRISTOPER DAMRON, John Rogers, David Hunt, Stephen Elwood.

June Session, 1803, p. 114: Ordered that CHRISTOPHER DAMRON be appointed overseer of Kentucky road from Blairs Creek to Roddyes ferry on the Powell River.

Page 15, 1812. Rich. Henderson vs. WILLIAM DAMRON, the plaintiff dismissed his suit and assumed costs.

P. 54, November, 1812: JOHN CAMMERON David Rogers and William Rodgers appeared in open court and acknowledged themselves indebted to the State of Tennessee in the following sums--John Cammeron in the sum of Five hundred dollars, David Rodgers in the sum of etc.....

November Term, 1812, p. 55: State against JOHN CAMRON. The defendant when charged pleads guilty and after evidence being heard in the cause on the behalf of the state. It is considered by the court that John Camron the defendant be fined in twenty five dollars and be imprisoned twenty days and pay the costs of suits, etc.

Bretian Williams in the sum of Five hundred dollars and the said Davis (?) and Elijah Jones and Jacob Vanbebber each in the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars on condition that the said Bretian Williams do behave himself toward the good people of this state and particularly towards CHRISTOPHER DAMRON....etc.

November Term, 1813, p. 179: Raleigh Shipley a juryman. Andrew Crockett's name appears a number of times 1812-1813, also JOHN BROCK.

Feb. Term, 1814, p. 226: State vs. CHRISTOPHER DAMRON. CHRISTOPHER DAMRON John Henderson and Seth Botts appeared in court and acknowledged themselves in debt to the State of Tennessee in the sums hereafter mentioned viz.--CHRISTOPHER DAMRON in the sum of $250.00...etc.

August Term, 1814, p. 304: CHRISTOPHER DAMRON against James Sellers.

May Term, 1815. Ordered by the court (p. 56) that the following named persons be appointed jurors to the next Circuit court to wit...CHRISTOPHER DAMRON...

JACOB SHULTS appears in 1815; John Brock in 1814.

MINUTE BOOK, Claiborne Co., Tenn. (Records were burned in 1932.)

April 6, 1840 (book beging 1839), p. 34. Isaac C. Lane: Ordered by the court that Isaac C. Lane be allowed the sum of fifteen hundred and fifty dollars and eighty two cents for amount of receipts etc. from commissioners of new court house for amounts paid JOHN DAMRON, the yeas and noes being taken those who voted in the affirmative were Esqs. Neil Bullard, Vanbeber Brock etc. yeas all, noes none.

June term, 1803, p. 126: CHRISTOPHER DAMRONwas on the jury for Sallathiel Martin vs. Elisha Wallen. P. 137. CHRISTOPHER DAMRON is on jury for David Taylor vs. Luke Bager, June session, 1803, p. 137.

(Note: Miss Aiken got almost through the 1815 book; got to page 40 in 1839 book. Did not get to 1836-39 book.) We checked for Ladds, Shultz, Shipley and Berry. Brocks and Berrys were here, also Hatfields and Chisums, as well as Shultzes.

RECORDS OF CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Book G. p. 171: Sept. 18, 1818. DAVID SHULTS of Claiborne County, Tenn. to William Howerton of Claiborne, deed in sum of $363.00 for287 acres on Syeamore Creek, Buck Lick branch. Witnesses: Thomas Hall, Edward Haveston, reg. Nov. 12, 1822. (Edward Shipley lived on Sycamore also and sold 1816.)

Book A. p. 364: Edward Stephenson to JACOB SHUTS (copied from A. p. 427), on oath of Joseph Acklen and John Hunt, 13 Dec. 1807. Stephenson and Shuts both of Claiborne, for $100.00 former sells to Shuts 100 acres on Sycamore Creek.

Book E, p. 67: 18 Dec. 1815. Jesse Patterson of Grainger County, Tennessee, to DAVID SHULTZ of Claiborne County, for $300.00, 287 acres in Claiborne County on Sycamore Creek to George Pearson's line, 87 acres there. Wits: Joab Hill, Ths. Hill. (Hawkins county is described as on the Ohio river in some deeds here.)

Court Records, May Term, 1815, p. 68: A return of the account of crop and possessions set apart for Susanna Grisum administratrix of the estate of Wm. Grisom deceased is made in the following records and figures--State of Tennessee and Claiborne County, Feb. 21st, day, 1815. We JACOB SHULTS DAY (?) JOHN EVANS met at the dwelling house of William Grissam deceased according to summons of the court in order to set apart so much of crop and provide suport of the widdo and heir famely for twelve months we set apart fifteen barrels of corn and four hundred pounds of bacon together with the vegetables now on the place such as cabbage and turnips Given under our hands and seal the 26th day of February 1815 JACOB SHULTS RANSOM DAY JOHN EVANS.

ANDREW CROCKETT'S NAME appears a number of times 1812-1813, also JOHN BROCK.

Claiborne Co., Tenn. SURVEY BOOK A, p. 179: JACOB SHULTS on Powel's Mountain, near John R. Estes, has survey, with Wm. Hipshears, same survey, near top of Powel's Mountain, and near John Harris.

Note: P. 185 has Joseph and Nathan Buckhannan on Clear Fork of Cumberland River, 50 acres. Hardins and Shumates are in Claiborne, also. Most Claiborne recordswere destroyed by fire, we were told. Lundsfords were here, also Shoemakers, also Dunsmores.

Index to Deeds begin 1800: Jacob Shults, 1819, Book E, p. 331, for $150.00; Jacob Shults, Jr. to Jacob Shults, Sr. 1823, for $100.00. Martin Shults from Jacob Shults 1831, Book I, p. 289, $250.00. Martin Shults from Jacob Shults 1832, K-79, for $400.00. John Shults from Thomas Mays, 1836, Book M, p. 36, for $25.00. George Shults to Jacob Shults Sr. 1837. George Shults to Thomas Hurst M. 194, 1839, Book N, p. 99. George Shults 1839; Jacob Shults to Geo. Mattin, 1841; Jacob Shults to Idah Shults 1841; George Shults to Martin Shults, 1841; Jacob Shults listed 1851; George Shults to M. Shults and G. Shults 1851, U. 155, for $20.00. Wm. Scalf 1850, and Ira and Isaac Scalf here. George Shults here 1853. John Berry here 1830, Buchanan 1845.

Shultz, Jacob Sr. to Shultz Jacob, 1823, Book F, p. 290, $100.00.
Shultz, Jacob, to Shultz, Martin, deed, 1831, I, 289, $250.00.
Shultz, Martin, to Sanders Wiley, 1835, L. 343, $700.00.
Shultz, Martin, to Devanet, Abraham, 1833, M. 198, $35.00.
Stinnets are here; also Ina Scalf 1855; also John Brock 1814 to William, H. 97, for $20.00; also 1838 John Brock deed, Bowlinger here, too.
Shultz, Jacob, deed 1830 "Martin to Shultz, Jacob quitcl. deed 1836, M. 14,$20.
Shultz, Jacob, Jr. to George Shults, 1837, M. 194, $450.00.
Shultz, Jacob, Sr. to Jacob Jr. 1938, M. 346; $900.00.
Jacob Shultz, 1837, M. 182, George Adams Shultz 1838, M. 318 $600.00.
Shultz, Geo. 1839, M. 101. Martin Shultz 1841 to Jacob Shultz. Idah S. Shultz to Jacob S., 1841. Jacob S. 1842; Geo. S. admr. to G. Hendry, 1842, S. 211, $1800.00. Jacob S. 1848, T. 444; Jacob S. 1858,$4500.00 Y.427; Jacob S. 1858,$151.00 Y-385. Jacob S. T. B. 1858, Z-15, for $600.00. (Read Shultz items up to 1867.)

NOTES ON CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

DEED BOOK 1, CHRISTOPHER DAMERON to James Roddye B.S. Book A, p. 423, Feb. term, 1808. Feb. 23, 1808. CHRISTOPHER DAMERON of Claiborne County and the State of Tennessee to James Roddye bill of sale of one man and a sorrel colt, the man of a brownish color, six or seven year old the ensuing spring and three feather beds, all the goods and chattels of CHRISTOPHER DAMRON and improvements on Blair's Creek on the Kentucky Road and ten acres of ground which he had of WILLIAM DAMRON, for the sum of $150.00. (The above looks like "man" but could be"mair.")

Book E, p. 30. Indenture 10 Aug. 1814, CHRISTOPHER DAMERON of Claiborne County, Tennessee and Zachary Cadle of same for $20.00, land on Powell's River and Clare's Creek to Hezekiah Smith's corner to Richard Cruchfield, part of a 100 acre conveyance to said DAMERON by John Coffy and Walter Evans from a pattent No. 642 dated 27 June 1795. Wits. John Casey, John Lynch.

Book F, p. 49: William Graham and Benjamin Cloud executors of LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CHRISTOPHER DAMRON, dec. by court of Claiborne County, Hugh Graham highest bidder for negro girl Cherry $664.00 and her increase. Aug. 17, 1820. Wits. Jac. Peck, John Hunt.

P. 14, 1802. Grant of North Carolina to ELIJAH CHISUM in Hawkins Co. on Clinch River.

Book G. p. 17, Feb. 10, 1817. CHRISTOPHER DAMERON of Claiborne County and John Walker of same, Damron sells for $60.00 land of sixty five acres in Claiborne County north side of Powell's River near the hill on James (?) Roddy's corner.

Book I, p. 313, April 19, 1830. JOSEPH DAMROL of Claiborne County Tennysee and William and Hugh Graham and William Houston of same state, for $100.00 negro female slave Charity and her increase and also three tracts of land on both sides of the Kentuck Road on waters of Blair Creek, on one of which CHRISTOPHER DAMRON lived at his decease, as willed to me by my father CHRISTOPHER DAMRON. Charity age 24 was to be sold at decease of ELIZABETH DAMRON widow of CHRISTOPHER DAMRON now Elizabeth GOENS, proceeds to be divided among the heirs of Christopher Damron viz. POLLY DAMERON married to Matthew Hamilton, Whitnell (?) Dameron married to James A. Hamilton, Pamela Dameron and Christopher Dameron. Mathew Hamilton aforesaid is to have $100.00 less than any of the rest of the heirs out of estate so Joseph sells fifth part of estate hereby. Wits. Saml. E. Hardy, Robert Crocket.

Book E, p. 285: August 10, 1814. James Glasgow of Davidson County Tennysee and CHRISTOPHER DAMERON of Claiborne County for $2.50 50 acres of land at Damrel's Corner to Arthur Monday's corner to David Brumley's corner to where Damrel sold to Zachariah Cadle on Blair Creek. Wits. THOMAS BERY, Mathew Hamilton, Jan. 27, 1819, recorded.

Book D, p. 326. 21 May 1814. John Casey and Walter Evans of Claiborne County and CHRISTOPHER DAMERON of same, for $10.00, land in this county by James Roddy, Brumleys, Mondays, Crechfields lines. Wit. THOMAS BERY, WM. MCCUBBINS. (Note: JOHN WARD is on p. 356.)

Book Y, p. 395, 1858, for $70.00. B.S. SOPHIA DAMERON to Myers Vincent.

SURVEY BOOK A. No Damron in index and no Ladd. Estes has first survey 1828, to McNeil. Hugh Montgomery is on p. 22. Has from 1824 to 1826 in records, also.
Deed Book U, p. 44, has DAMSON, JOHN, from Benj. Sewell, deed 1839, $150.00. Deeds began 1800.

MOSES DAMERON OF TEXAS

"The noted scout and guide and hero of two wars, Moses Dameron, died at his home in Motley County, Texas, on Aug. 4, 1910. "Uncle Mose," as he was familiarly called, was 90 years old. He was born in Bonham, Fannin County, Tex., in 1821, and his life had been spent entirely on the frontiers of Texas. From the time he was old enough to ride and shoot a rifle he was engaged in fighting Indians and piloting troops across the Western plains, mountains, and breaks, and protecting the lives and property of pioneer settlers on the borders of our great country until there was no occasion for such service. He served the U.S. troops on the frontiers of Texas during the war with Mexico as scout and guide and afterward continued his vocation as scout, Indian fighter, and guiding troops. He was scout and guide for General McKenzie on the Fort Sill and Tulia Canyon expedition, and participated in the "Great Horse" Massacre, where General McKenzie surprised the Indians, killing many with their horses and taking many prisoners.

"Uncle Mose" was loved and honored by all who knew him. A few years ago he became interested in religious affairs, joined the church, and lived a Christian life. He was also a member of both house branches of the Odd Fellows, and was on the roster of Camp S. G. Maxey, U.C.V. as "Independent Scout and Guide," showing his service for the Confederacy." (Copied by Irene Rivers Schow from Am. Pub. CQ, V. 18, p. 484.)

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The Moses who was brother of John Damron was b. 1799 and was in Collin Co., Texas 1850, age 50. Their brother Constantine Ladd Damron was in Newton Co., Mo. 1840 with John and Moses. The brother Noble Ladd Damron was found in Obion Co., Tenn. Irene Rivers Schow, 135 Ellison St., Layton, Utah, is a descendant of Constantine and wrote that his daughter Susan Emeline was b. Aug. 26, 1833, at Dresden, Tenn., in Weakley Co., d. Jan. 10, 1879, Panguitch. She m. Israel Dodge Allphin b. Sept. 8, 1814, in Davis Co., Ky. d. Apr. 25, 1905, at Elba, Idaho. They were married 28 Feb. 1858. Their daughter Annie Patience Allphin was b. 22 April, 1865, Pine Valley, d. 7 Jan. 1937, Cody, Wyoming. She m. Frances Riley Owen b. May 4, 1863, d. Mar. 4, 1898. Their dau. Mary Melvina Owen b. 16 Feb. 1886, m. Harrison David Rivers b. 21 Apr. 1869, d. 22 July, 1923, at Lovell, Big Horn, Wyo.

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Susannah Damron m. JOSHUA BROCK b. about 1811 in probably. Claiborne County, Tenn. Records show the following: Minute Book, 1839 earliest, p. 17: NATHANIEL BROCKS placed with Geo. Campbell, then age 14. ANDREW J. BROCK p. 20. (Many Hursts are here.) S's had not been indexed in these books as yet.

Court Records, Claiborne Co., Nov. 1819: John Brock is in Tazewell as Justice. P. 47, 1820--ALEX CAMPBELL, JOHN BROCK, JOHN HURST listed.

Dennis Coudray, Esquire, High Sheriff Return. A memorandum of the time of handing out commissions to the following named Justices of Peace appointed to receive lists of taxable property and poles for the year 1816 in following manner to wit: Gave John Lynch his on the 29th Febryou 1816; Gave JOHN BROCK, Esq. his on the 9th March, 1816....etc.etc.

Thursday August 11, 1814: Court met according to adjournment. Present John Evans JOHN BROCK Joseph Linch John Casey: ESQUIRES. P. 299, August term 1812: Justices Neal, Evans, BROCK, in case, Culvehouse vs. Andrew Hunter.

Also in Claiborne were Moody 1854-1883, Shultz, Dameron, Laird, Wilson, Hatfield.

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Alice Mary Aiken told me that in a letter to her Joseph Damron said Elizabeth Ladd might be the second wifeof Capt. John Damron. She did not remember where he got this idea, but she was the sister of Anne Ladd, his first wife.

THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY,
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I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, 1st generation, had a grant in Northumberland Co., Va. 1652.
II. GEORGE, his son, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, and inherited an estate.
III. LAZARUS m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Smith. He died Albemarle Co., Va. 1749. His children were Richard d. 1749, unm., George of Albemarle and Buckingham Cos., Va., John, Winefred m. John Thomas, Judith m. Noble Ladd (their daughter Anne Ladd m. Capt. John Damron b. 1757), Moses of Albemarle. Lazarus left Northumberland and became one of the earliest settlers of Albemarle County, which was not formed until 1744 from Goochland. There were only 66 patents taken by 1735 inthis area. The earliest record we have of Lazarus is a deed for an exchange of land with John Cannon 1736, for 150 acres on the north side of the James River in what is now Albemarle County. Miss Aiken found this and noted: "Lazarus was there nine years before the establishment of Albemarle. His neighbor was Edward Scott and it was not far from the old courthouse. There is no record in Goochland of the land Lazarus traded to Cannon. This record may be in some other couty." The Ladds were in Goochland even earlier: Noble and Amos 1732, John 1733 and Constantine 1733.

GOOCHLAND COUNTY, VA. CANNON TO DAMERON, Book 2, p. 240, DEEDS, 1736:
This Indenture made the 20th day of July in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Six between JOHN CANNON of the County of Goochland of one part and LAZARES DAMERON of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Cannon for and in consideration of an exchange of land hath granted unto Lazares Dameron One Hundred and Fifty Acres of land lying and being in the County of Goochland on the North side of the Fluvanna River and bounded as followeth (to wit) Beginning at White Oak Edward Scotts corner by the River running thence up the river according to its meanders two hundred and sixty eight poles to a Hiccory thence on a new Line North Seventy degrees East Eighty Eight poles to a Hiccory on the South side a Run South twenty two degrees East two Hundred and Sixty eight poles to a Spanish Oak in Edward Scotts line thence on Edward Scott south seventy degrees west ninety one poles to the first station for the quantity of one hundred and fifty acres of land and all the Essets Right Title Interest Trust Property Claim and Demand whatsoever of the said John Cannon of and in to the premises the Reversion and Reversions Remaindor and Remaindors yearly and other profits of the premises TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Hundred and Fifty acres of land and all and Singular the premises with the appurtenances unto the said Lazares Dameron and his Heirs and assigns forever and the same John Cannon doth covenant with the said Lazares Dameron that the said Cannon and his heirs hath made the above mentioned exchange of land and premises unto the said Dameron and his heirs and assigns shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents in witness whereof the said John Cannon hath hereunto put his hand and seal the day and year above written. JOHN CANNON.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of ROBERT HUGHES JOHN THOMPSON JOHN WEBB.

Memorandum on the day ____ of ____ one thousand seven hundred and thirty six Livery and Seizin of the within Exchange of Land according to Law by the within named John Cannon to the within named Lazares Dameron and his heirs forever. JOHN CANNON. In presence of ROBERT HUGHES, JOHN THOMPSON, JOHN WEBB.

"At a court held for Goochland County, July 20, 1736, John Cannon acknowledged this deed with the Libery of Seizin endorsed to be his act and deed and it was thereupon admitted to record. Test HENRY WOOD C.C."

I found in the Court Order Books, Russell County, Va. the following:
1792 JOHN DAMRON, Def. --Vanhook Laurence and Rachel, proof of deed, Book2,p.2.
1793, October Court, P. 116, Book 2, John Andersen vs. MOSES DAMRON P. S. dismissed. Same vs. GEORGE DAMRON P. S. dismissed. The index gives this item as: 1793--DAMRON, GEO. John Andersen, Petition and Summons, dismissed 2-116. This must be the George of Morgan's Riflemen who died in Green County, Ky. about 1801.

With George Damron in Morgan's Riflemen were William Johnson, William Moore, John Welch and Daniel Dameron. There are many Kentucky families whose ancestry can be traced by checking the records in the Dameron genealogy. For example in the Albemarle land patents you will find John Carter, Thomas Jones, David Lewis, Jonathan Clark, Joseph Smth, Charles Lewis, Thomas Carr, Roger Thom pson, Michael Thomas, Jr., James Coleman, Joseph Martin, James Lee, William Rice, Mary Patterson, Arthur Hopkins, etc. I think Branham may have been originally the same as Brandom. John Brandom was in Capt. Dudley's company with John Damron--he came from Halifax Co., Va. 1785. Hardings and Hardins are the same family--from Northumberland Co., Va. Ratliffs were in Washington and Russell Cos. with the Damerons. Spurlocks lived in Albemarle Co., Va. Levi Coleman was with John Dameron in the Revolution, p. 13. Thomas Mitchell was on the pay bill with Henry Johnson, Hudson Martin etc. in 1776 with my ancestor John Damron. Marcum was there also. Josiah Marcum was b. 1759 Chesterfield Co., Va. enlisted Bedford Co., Va. and resided in Lawrence Co., Ky. after the Revolution. See p. 13-C of this book. He enlisted 1780 and was a drummer boy for 18 months and private. He was at the battles of Camden and Guilford. His son Stephen was alive 1833. Josiah Marcum (Markham) was in Washington Co., Va. with the Damerons. Hatfields and McCoys were in Russell Co., Val. with the Damrons. If you trace one family, it helps to trace others, as these frontier people moved in groups of neighbors, friends and relatives. Mitchells were related to Abraham Lincoln. His grandmother, Lucy Hanks, had a sister Sarah Shipley who married Robert Mitchell. She was killed going to Kentucky and her husband died trying to find his daughter who was captured. The sons were scattered. One named Daniel was in Washington Co., Ky. Lucy Shipley Hanks had another sister Rachel who m. Richard Berry. The Berrys and Shipleys and Hanks went to Kentucky.

Moses inherited his father's home place on Red Bank and Damron Creek in Albemarle County, Va. in 1749, which is near Scottsville, Va. Who were his children? No daughters have been found but the following are believed to be his:

1. Perhaps John Damron, Revolutionary soldier who m. Anne Ladd, and d. Illinois about 1835. He was born 1757 and joined the 9th Virginia Regiment recruited in Albemarle Co., Va. He was a drummer boy 1776. In 1780 he was witness to the will of William Dorton in Washington Co., Va. (Russell was cut off 1786). In 1791 he bought 170 acres on Clinch River from Vanhook, assignee of Moses Damron and Aggy his wife. In 1801 he was captain of the 72d Militia regiment. In 1805 John Damron sold 140 acres to James Osborne. He left about this time but we do not know where he went. He had twenty children but so far we have found only 3 of them, who have living descendants. He had sons named Joseph, William, Solomon, Moses etc.

2. Lazarus Damron, a famous Indian scout, and Revolutionary soldier. Gwathmey in his book on King's Mountain says Lazarus Dameron was with James Fraley who "served under Col. Wm. Campbell and Capt. Snody."Campbell went to Kings Mt. "Lazarus Dameron enlisted the second time when Fraley did and they served together as comrades." He was an Indian spy with Fraley: "Lazarus Dameron who enlisted April 1780 for one year in Washington Co. under Col. Campbell and Capt. Snody." Many of the Kings Mountain men guarded the Cumberland Gap frontier after the Revolution. George Damron, cousin of Lazarus, was also at King's Mountain. Lazarus was in Russell Co., Va. 1787, and Moses in 1786. Lazarus Dameron withdrew his entry of fifty acres made in 1796 in Russell County, in 1797--it was on both sides of Lewis's Creek, including Cave Hollow. Lazarus was in Kentucky near Boldman by 1804, where the first building was called Damron's Fort. Irene McIntosh, a genealogist, of Prestonburg, Ky., niece of Henry P. Scalf, editor Floyd County Times, has information on Lazarus Dameron who was with the Fraleys. According to Luther F. Damron of W. Va. Lazarus Dameron came toKentucky with six sons,three of whom moved to We. Va. named Samuel, Moses and George. Who were the other three? James was one, of Suckey's Creek on Shelby Creek, Ky. He m. Polly Adkins 1836. Before 1816 there were also in Pike County a Joseph, a Solomon King Dameron, a Lazarus, a younger Moses, and Richard Damron.

We find that Moses bought land on Twelve Pole Creek 1828, Cabell Co., W. Va. (Wayne was formed from Cabell). The same year, 1828, George bought land on Twelve Pole Creek, and Samuel bought land on Twelve Pole in 1830. Moses married Polly Preston 1811 in Floyd Co., Ky., and his sons were Samuel, Lazarus, John, and possibly others, bythe first wife, and George, Thomas, Elisha, William, David, Wash. and Richard by Rhoda Sadler.

3. Moses Dameron, a son of the Moses of Albemarle County, Va. Moses Dameron had the first deed recorded in Russell Co., Va. on Clinch River adjoining Henry Hamblin. This was 1786. Moses had Treasury Warrant No. 11797 for land in Russell County, Va. on Stantonbs Creek, which he withdrew in 1788 to make an entry on Butcher's Branch on Robertson's line. This must have been for service in the Revolution and the Land Office in Richmond would have a record of it. The Savage Grant around the Big Sandy river was also given for Revolutionary service and the Damrons there may have received grants for this reason.

In 1800 the Commonwealth of Va. had a case vs. Henry Fraley and Moses Dameron. In 1803 and 1804 Moses had cases against him for debt, but he may not have been present. In 1798 Moses Damron, Junior, was in Fleming County, Ky., wife Sarah, from which place he gave a deed to John Tallet for 200 acres on Clinch River, the same he had bought from John Breedon (Breeding) in 1796. Moses seems to have lived near Capt. John Damron, while Lazarus was quite a distance from them near Cleveland, Va. In 1815 the Sheriff sold Moses' land in Russell County for taxes, 500 acres for $6.64 1/4, which was "returned as delinquient for the year 1789 & 1799." It is hard to unscramble these Moses, but the one with a wife Aggie in 1796 is the same with a wife Sarah in Fleming Co., shown by the deeds, as I figure it. In 1812 Moses Damron was deeded 100 acres on Shelby Creek, Floyd Co., Ky. by David Morgan. In 1819 Moses Damron, SENIOR, made an affidavit in Floyd Co. so a Junior must also have been alive at that time. However, in those days Junior was used for a child who may not have been the son of the Senior of the same name. There is no doubt, however, that we can identify one son, though I believe Sarah Damron Adair has confused the older Moses with the younger one, her own ancestor.

(1) MOSES DAMRON, the younger, m. Jennie Mullins in 1812 in Floyd Co., Ky. They had six children--Moses, Sarah who m. Thomas Owens, sheriff of Pike Co., Ky., William, Solomon, Louisa and Elizabeth. In 1826 the parents went to Illinois but decided to return two years later and died on the way back, leaving the orphansto make their way. In an Oregon History 1900, p. 65, Dr. Owens-Adair wrote that Moses immigranted "to Kentucky, with two brothers, Lazarus and Richard, and settled on the Big Sandy River. Mr. Damron was a great Indian fighter, and was employed by the government as a scout and spy during the war with the Shawness and Delawares...the government presented him with a splendid rifle valued at that time at $200.00. " Moses was 12 and Sarah 10 when they took the orphans back to Kentucky and Moses was crippled for life when the wagon wheel crushed his foot when he put it underneath to keep the wheel from slipping. It made "him a cripple and finally causing his death...After they reached home, they were divided among their relatives. Sarah went to live with her maternal grandmother who was then 80 years of age. After her grandmother's death, Sarah went to live with an uncle and aunt... Her only sorrow was her separation from her brothers and sisters. The nearest was 30 miles away--a few times she walked all that way to visit with them. When she was sixteen she met and married Thomas Owens...In the spring of 1843 they moved to...Missouri and joined the immigrants that were going to Oregon...Finally they settled in Clatsop Co., Oregon." Dr. Bethenia Angeline Owens Adair, daughter of Sarah Damron Owens was "quite a legendary character around Oregon. There were pages and pages written on her." In Seaside, Oregon, some descendants live: F.C. Fulton, 235 Beach Drive, George N. Hill, 111 Park; V. E. Hill, 241 Beach Drive; John Adair Highway 101; Mrs. W. H. Hobson, 921 So. Prom.

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON RUSSELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

In 1956 Alice Mary Aiken and I went to Russell County, Virginia, as she had not copied down the Circuit Court Records previously, there being no Circuit court there until 1809. We found no Damrons in this court record, but found the following:

James Thompson vs. Thos. Welch, Sept. 25, 1809.

Charles Pennington, Sept. 25, 1809. (Henry Reynolds was here also.)

Rule vs. James Bostick, 1871, June Term. Matilda and Sally Ratliff to Russell & Buchanan.

Wm. Dorton on Jury, Apr. 15, 1811. Sally Roma acquitted of murder, after putting herself "upon God and the country." John Bery Apr. 17, 1811. Peter Randolph 1813. Richard Thompson 1814, Apr. 12. James McCoy 1814, Apr. 13. Alexander Montgomery Sept. 13, 1814. James Mullins Apr. 11, 1815. Richard Thompson Apr. 12, 1815. Shoemakers were here. Wm. Crumwell Sept. 14, 1815. (Many Cromwells here.)

I talked with H. F. Bausell, editor of Lebanon News, the county seat, who said there may be Damrons in Dickenson Co. and that J. K. Damron was in the county. I talked with the Sheriff who referred me to Chess Stapleton who runs a barber shop in Dante, as his sister was married to a Damron, and hereferred me to Emmett Damron of Nicklesville, Scott Co., Va. The Sheriff said there were Damrons near Dickensonville, and that Ben Adams of Dickensonville knew the old families. Mable Dameron was listed as having paid the capitation tax 1955, and the Sheriff said she was in the Castlewood district. We did not look her up and couldnot find any Damrons of the early settlers of Russell Co. He said there was a Laurence Dameron of St. Paul's, Va. The Sheriff said there was a Dameron at Dickensonville, Russell Co., who moved back to Scott Co., where he came from. Stapleton said he knew no other Damrons but Emmett who lives near Nicklesville, 3 miles away, and was raised at Bolton--he married Stapleton's sister and lived on the Clinch River formerly. He said his father Moses was dead and a brother lived in Arkansas. Emmett's son lives at Dante, Va. named Paul. Nicklesville is about 20 miles from Lebanon and we went to see Emmett. We took the Dungannon road. At the market on the left before St. Paul's around the bend we took an intersection and turned left, then went 6 or 8 miles on a new road to the Scott County sign. Then down the hill to the main road, Dungannon road, to a little store and service station, where we took the right. A sign said to Dungannon. After 1 miles was an abrupt left and another service station and store, where we were told to inquire. At one small store an old man said his nephew was married to a Damron of an old settler's family but we did not have time to talk with him. This was near Dungannon somewhere on the way. We finally found Emmett who lived off the road a little behind a rise, opposite a spout spring on the road, near a Mitchell family. Emmett was about 40 years old, a farmer, very good looking and glad to see us. His brother also lived nearby. Emmett said his father was Moses Spurlock Damron who m. Laura Johnson. His grandfather was Solomon Seal Damron and his wife was a Coleman. Solomon lived in and around Elkhorn City, where his (Emmett's father's) brothers live, Joel, Will, Lawrence. Joel told him that the tradition was that three brothers came to Kentucky, and that he knew the history best. Joel mentioned a Lazarus. He said his sister Opal Smith, Castlewood, Va., Route 1, had Bible records. He said Lawrence Damron of Dante, Va. lived there from 1920 to 1927 and came from Castlewood. Emmett lives in Long Hollow.

Castlewood was the earliest region settled here and there was a fort nearby. The Clinch river goes past Dungannon. It is a broad stream in hilly country, with beautiful small farms and cattle grazing on the hills. Alice Mary Aiken said that Lazarus Damron lived somewhere around the Cleveland region but she did not look up his place as the mountain road was too difficult. Robinett's live on the place which she thought was John Damron's. This land could be traced back through the Robinetts.

We went from Kentucky through the Cumberland Gap, which is not very impressive, being only a hilly mountain now with a broad throughway going over it. We stayed in Gate City at a quiet tourist home on a hill and went on to Russell, Scott etc., after checking the Lee County records and finding an Eli Damral there 1835.

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Book 3, p. 82, Court Records: COMMONWEALTH, Plf. vs. HENRY FRALEY & MOSES DAMRON, DEFS. This day came the attorney for the Commonwealth and also the Jury, to-wit: William Hall, Thomas Stapleton Joseph Davis Thomas Person, George McCoy William Vickers Thomas Whiteley John Hall Zacharias Salliers William Salliviz William Manadue and Austin Bush who being elected tried and sworn well and truly to accept the fine and inquire of damages in this suit, upon their oath do accept the fine against Henry Fraley to 100 cents and the fine against Moses Damron to ten cents besides the costs therefore it is considered by the Court that the attorney for the defendants respectively the first aforesaid in form aforesaid accept'd and the costs in this behalf expended. September Court, 1800.

July Court, 1803. JOHN KEEN VS. MOSES DAMRON, Def. ATTACHMENT: Samuel Robinson undertaking for the Defendant in this Attachment that is in case he shall be cast he shall satisfy and pay the condemnation of the court or render his body to prison in execution thereof or that he the said Samuel Robinson will do it for him. The Constable returned that he has attached one sorrel horse, the property of the defendant which was restored to him by giving bond according to law with Abraham Musick and Joseph Smith Securities. The Plaintiff having proved his account judgment is granted him against the Defendant for 5 L. 1 sh. and expense and the costs in this behalf expended and it is ordered that he have execution by his securities and the Constable the amount of the judgment.

Book 3, p. 302, April Court, 1804. JOHN BROWN, PLAINTIFF VS. MOSES DAMRON, DEFENDANT. ATTACHMENT. Moses Fugat, Constable, having returned that he has executed this attachment in the hands of George McCoy and served him as garnishee who declares upon oath that he did execute a bond to the defendant for L 70 on the 27th day of October last, judgment is granted to Plaintiff for fifteen dollars and the costs by him in this behalf expended and it is ordered that so much of the said bond or debt due from the said garnishee as may be of value sufficient to satisfy the judgment be condemned for that purpose, giving, however, a preference to all prior legal claims.

Book 5, p.59. Dec. 7, 1813. A power of attorney from Reuben Smith to LAZARUS DAMRON was acknowledged in court by the said Reuben and ordered to be recorded.

Book 3, p. 302: April court, 1804. GEORGE BANJAY, PLAINTIFF VS. MOSES DAMRON, Defendant, ATTACHMENT: Moses Fugit Constable having returned that he has executed the attachment in the hands of George McCoy and summoned him as a garnishee who declares upon oath that he did execute a bond to the defendant for L 70 on the 27th day of October last, Judgment is granted the plaintiff foreighteen dollars and the costs by him in this behalf expended and it is ordered to the Defendant as shall be sufficient to satisfy this judgment be condemned for that purpose, giving however, preference to all prior legal claims.

Book 4, p.385: Feb. 1, 1811, JOHN PENNINGTON AND WIFE NANCY of Russell Co., etc.

Book 2, p. 116, 1793. DAMRON, GEO. JOHN ANDERSEN RET. AND SUMMONS, dismissed.

PLAINTIFF INDEX FOR DORTON: William, Sr. 1826, decd. appr. apptd. 8-209. 1786 William, reccommended for commission as captain 1.3. 1791 Wolf Bounty 1-222. 1793 Wolf bounty 2-91. 1825 William, heirs of vs. Jacob Dorton 8-74.

WEDDINGTON, David, Dec. 6, 1820, 6-351, New Garden from Wm. Roman & Nancy. Jacob Weddelton mar. 1805; from Williamson Benj. & L. 3-587, 18 ac. New Garden, Clinch River. Weddington, Jacob, Feb. 2, 1813, 4-548, 100 acres. 55 A Thompson's Creek from Browning, James and Jane. Jacob 1821-1818, from Elza Bowling 6-150.- Int. 220 Ac. New Garden, etc. (John Damron lived in New Garden.) Book 3,587--26 March, 1805, Ben.Williamson of Russell & Jacob Weddleton for 166.67 south Clinch River 18 ac. survey 4 July 1775.

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Court Order Books checked at Lebanon, Va.:

Page 93, Book 1: Ordered 20th October, 1787, that LAZARUS DAMRON be fined according to law fornct attending as a witness in thissuit. James Osborn, Plaintiff against John Hammon English, defendant: IN CASE.

Page 7, Book 1: June 13th, 1786: A deed of Bargain and Saleof land from James Osbourn and Mary his wife to MOSES DAMRON was exhibited in court and ordered to be recorded.

Page 42, Book 1, June 19th, 1787: A deed of bargain and sale of land from MOSES DAMRON AND AGGY HIS WIFE to Laurence Vanhook Junior acknowledged in court and ordered to be recorded.

Book 3, p. 104: An Indenture of bargain and sale of land from Nathan Watson to Charles Bickley & JOHN DAMRON was again produced in court and proven by the oath of Henry Dickenson & Ordered to be Recorded. January court, 1801.

Page 17, Book 3: An Indenture of bargain and sale of land from Nathan Watson to Charles Bickley AND JOHN DAMRON was produced in Court and proven by the Oaths of Robert Duff and Thomas Johnson two of the witnesses thereto and continued for further proof. August Court, 1799.

Page 3, Book 2, Court Orders: "A deed of Bargain and Sale of of land from Laurence VanHook and Rachel his wife to JOHN DAMRON and the others to Zachariah Jones was acknowledged in court & ordered to be recorded." June Court, 1792.

August Court 1795. Deed from George Hatfield and Sarah his wife to LAZARUS DAMRON was exhibited in court the probate certified by the clerk, on motion of Henry Dickenson license is granted him for keeping tavern at his house, he entering into bond with JOHN DAMRON his security conditioned as the law directs.

Book 2, p. 274: John Anderson vs. MOSES DAMRON, p. S. Judgment granted for plaintiff for 5" '.). WITH LEGAL INTEREST thereon from the 6th of August, 1795. March court, 1796. After giving a credit of 7/ past Jan. 30, 1795 and also the costs by him in this behalf expended.

October Court 1793, P. 116, Book 2: John Anderson vs. MOSES DAMRON, P. S. dismissed. Same vs. GEORGE DAMRON dismissed.

Book 2, Page 340: February Court 1797: John Breeding to MOSES DAMRON was exhibited in court and proved by the oaths of Alden Williamson and George McCoy, subscribers witnesses thereto and continued for further proof.

Book 2, p. 390. August Court, 1797: Honaker vs. DAMRON. A Commission is awarded the Plaintiff to take the deposition of Alden Williamson. On the jury p. 279 of this case were LAZARUS DAMRON, JOHN DAMRON, JOHN WOOD, WILLIAM SMITH.

P. 390, August Court, 1797, the will of JOHN ENGLISH was proved.

P. 280, Book 2: June Court, 1796. JOHN DAMRON, John Buster, John Wood andWilliam Smith, who being sworn a grand jury inquest for the body of this county and having received their charge retired from the barr to consult their presentments after some time returned into court and represented as follows: (Did not copy a long item here.)

Book 2, December Court, 1797, p. 426: Craigs, Extrs. vs. MOSES DAMRON, Defendant, Petition and Summons. Judgment is granted the plaintiff for L 3.10 6 p. and costs.

THE DAMERON-OWENS-ADAIR FAMILY OF OREGON

Mrs. Byron Crawford, a Damron descendant, of 9781 S. E. Stanley St., Portland, Oregon, found additional information: "One of Thomas and Sarah Owens' daughters married a Mr. Abraham (no "s"), a merchant of Roseburgin the early days. He advised Dr. Owens Adair to go into the millinery business in Roseburg. Geo. Hill her son graduated in medicine from Willamette University; lived in Golendale, Wash. in the early days. Dr. Owens-Adair practiced medicine in North Yakima for around seven years. Her first office in Portland was in a brick building on 1st St. between Yamhill and Taylor. Dr. Owens-Adair had tree farms near Astoria, surely some of her descendants reside around there. Her father's farm was near Tansy Point. Her only granddaughter, Vera Owens Hill, daughter of George Hill, married Ray Allison Hess.

Another Owens daughter was Mrs. Alvah Pike of Portland, the youngest daughter then--when Dr. Adair's book was published in 1906.

Mrs. Crawford sent the following: "I copied this from a Northwest History. Thomas Owens was born in Tazewell County, Va. in 1808. His father Thomas Owens was b born in Wyeth County, Va. in 1757, and with his family came to Floyd County,Kentucky, in 1814, where he lived to the age of 94. Father Owens as his neighbors called him, was, we are told, a valued citizen, known as a good husband, affectionate father, a kind master. In 1869 Thomas Owens, the Oregon pioneer, wentto California for his health; died at Piety Hill, Calif. July 23, 1873. His faithful wife and nine children remained to mourn his loss. The eldest Diane, already referred to as the first Mrs. John Hobson, was justly styled in her girlhood, as the beauty of the plains. Mrs. Dr. Owens Adair who is highly esteemed by a host of friends throughout our state and the Hon. W. F. Owens of Roseburg receive due mention elsewhere in our pages.

"How wonderful and mysterious are the workings of Providence, the defeat of Charles calledthe Pretender of England, Culloden, caused one of his followers, Sir Thomas Owens, to take refuge with his family in America, and so to make it possible for his great-grandson, our pioneer of Welsh descent, to lay down his life in our far away western land."

Mrs. William Irvine of the Genealogical Forum of Portland, Oregon, address 17007 S. E. Oatfield Road, Milwaukie, Oregon, wrote June 3, 1955, after looking up this family in the Oregon Historical Society: "I soon found that Dr. Bethenia Angeline Owens Adair, daughter of Sarah Damron Owens, was quite a legendary character around Oregon. There were pages and pages written on her which I did not attempt to transcribe, but took only the most pertinent vital statistics." She sent the following:

"Check with Index to Pioneer Records in DAR hands, no record.
Oregon Historical Society--Oregon Pioneer Biographical Files: OWEN, THOMAS, born Tazewell Co., Va. Jan. 12, 1808, settled in Ky. 1814, came to Oregon 1843, route plains; 1st location in Clatsop Co. Occupation farmer, died July 23, 1873.
References in County Histories: THOMAS OWENS, p. 500, History of Pacific Northwest, V. II, p. 500, by Elwood Evans--this was copied above. Thomas Owens m. Sarah Damron; came from Van Buren Co., Mo. to Oregon. Bethenia was b. in Mo. 1840; other ch. Diana m. Mr. John Hobson; Hon W. F. Owens, living in Roseburg." P. 502 has an account of Bethenia Angeline Adair (Owens Hill).

"Found 13 Hills in the Astoria phone book. The first husband of Dr. O. Adair was a Legrand Hill of Roseburg. Thos. Owens & wife Sarah settled at Clatsop Plains near Astoria in 1843, then moved to Roseburg later. Addresses:
SEASIDE OREGON: F. C. Fulton; 235 Beach Drive; C. W. Hill, 241 Beach Drive; Geo. N. Hill, 111 Park; V.E. Hill, Hamlet Rt.; John Adair, Highway 101; Mrs. W. H. Hobson, 921 So. Prom. Newspaper at Seaside is Seaside Signal, 752 Broadway.
ROSEBURG, OREGON: A. Abraham, 1260 Maple St.; Mrs. Isadore Abraham, S. Kane St.; Jack Adair, 301 N. Main St.; Hubert B. Hobson, 126 W. 1stN.; Roy Hill,1231 W.1st.

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II. GEORGE, m. widow of John Dennis, named Elizabeth, of Northumberland Co.,Va.
III. LAZARUS m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Smith, d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1749.
IV. MOSES, who inherited his father's plantation in Albemarle Co., Va.
V. MOSES, who bought land in Russell County, Va. 1786, wife named Aggy. He was probably a Revolutionary soldier as his brothers were. He no doubt had land grants for Revolutionary and frontier service--in 1798 Moses Damrel (which is the spelling of Damron sometimes), transferred an entry under Warrant No. 11797, and also an entry under Warrant of the Treasury No. 15172, Russell Co., Va. We do not know allhis children but there was aMoses, Jr.

VI. MOSES DAMRON, JR. sixth generation. In 1798 he was in Fleming Co., Ky. (from which Floyd was cut off), with wife named Sarah, and sold land in Russell Co., Va. to John Tallett, 200 acres, which he had bought in 1796 from John Breeding (Breedon), on Clinch River. This must be the same Moses who m. Jennie Mullins in 1812 and had ch. Moses, Sarah, Louisa, Elizabeth, William, Solomon, the parents dying on a trip to Illinois started in 1826.

VII. SARAH DAMRON, b. in Kentucky Jan. 8, 1818, first daughter of Moses and Jennie Mullins Damron. She lived with her Mullins grandmother when her parents died, and then with an uncle and aunt in Kentucky. At 16 she married Thomas Owens, Sheriff of Pike Co., Ky., of whom there are several noticesin this genealogy. Ch.:

1. Thomas Owens, died in infancy. He was b. in Kentucky.
2. Diana Owens, m. John Hobson. "Ada Hobson, oldest daughter of Diane Owens (dau. of Sarah Owens) married a Chas. W. Fulton. They had a son b. Feb. 8, 1887, Fred C. Fulton. Another Hobson girl m. a Clyde Fulton."(From Mrs. Crawford.) "Chas. W. Fulton was at one time U.S. Senator and also collector of Customs at Astoria under Pres. Cleveland. They had a son born Feb. 8, 1887, Fred C. Fulton who would be 68 yrs. of age now." There was a Dr. A. J. Fulton of Astoria also, a pioneer.
3. Bethinia b. 1838-40, Van Buren Co., Missouri, which is where her parents lived for one and a half years before moving to Platte Purchase, Mo. where a son was born, W. F. Owens. In spring of 1843 theymoved to Independence, Mo. and joined the Oregon immigrants., arriving Christmas Day, 1843. Bethinia Angelino Owens married Legrand Hill, 1854, and had one son, George Hill. She m. second Col. John Adair. (See History of Oregon, V. IV, p. 580, 16 pp.in all, by Joseph Gaston. Her will was filed at Astoria, Ore, where she died Sept. 13, 1826, leaving legacies to relatives. (Oregonian Oct. 1, 1926, p. 7, Portland Library files). Dr. Owens-Adair's son George Hill had a son Victor Adair-Hill.
4. James W. F. Owens, m. Miss Nannie L. Stevens of Ohio in 1864 and had four children. (See. p. 500, History of Pacific Northwest V. II, by Elwood Evans. He lived in Douglass Co. Oregon, Roseburg.

5-9. There were nine children, and the following were listed in the 1850 Census of Clatsop County, Oregon Territory, Family No. 44:

Thos.Owens, age 40, male, farmer, born Ky.
Mrs. Owens, age 32, female, born Ky.
D. M. age 14, female, born Ky.
B. A. age 12 (1840?), female, b. Missouri.
J.F. age 9, male, born Mo.
J. P. age 6, male, born Oregon.
D. J. age 4, female, born Oregon.
M.E. age 2, female, born Oregon.
S. age 1/6, female, born Oregon.
Mr. Hill age 21, male, laborer, born Virginia.

THE DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM DAMRON

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in 1652, Northumberland Co., Va.

II. GEORGE, second generation, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis.

III. LAZARUS m. Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Smith. He died Albemarle Co., Va.

IV. MOSES, who inherited his father's land on Damron Creek, Albemarle Co., Va.

V. LAZARUS, Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier who was at Kings Mountain battle. He moved from Russell Co., Va. to Floyd Co., Ky. with six sons before 1804. His wife was Nairy McInery. His sons Moses, Samuel and George moved to West Virginia.

VI. ABRAHAM DAMRON, who was either the brother or son of Richard Damron. John A. Damron said his parents were 2d cousins, so Abraham would be the brother of Richard. He also said Abraham died in Greenbrier Co., W.Va. In 1828, Feb. Term, Abram Damron entered into bond with Silas Ratliff's son William Ratliff, Sr. in the sum of $3,000 for the administration of the will of Richard Damron, in Pike Co. Court Order Books, p. 262. The will was annexed to the Letters of Administration for Wm. Ratliff, but has not been found so far.

Pike County, Ky. Deeds show a deed from Abram and Elizabeth Damron, Grantors, to James Honaker, Mar. 22, 1830, for a tract on Sandy River; also Abraham Damron, Grantor, to Henry Weddington, Oct. 26, 1827, for a tract of 275 acres on Sandy River. Perhapshe moved to W. Va. then as John A. said he died in McDowell or Greenbrier Counties, W. Va. Pike County Marriage Records show that Abraham Damron married Sarah Branham, July 6, 1835, ceremony by B. H. Johnson. In 1853 Abraham Damron married Pricy Roberts in Pike Co. Rev. John A. Damron said Abraham married first a Branham and second a Roberts but did not remember the first names, and said that Abraham had seven children, of whom six died young, Robert being the only one to live to be of age of the first marriage. He said that Maston Damron was the son of Abraham's youngest wife and that he saw him.

VII. ROBERT DAMRON, son of Abraham and Sarah Branham Damron, died near Yeager, Ky. in Feb. 1927, both he and his wife living to be past 88 years old. Robert married a 2d cousin, Rebecca Damron, daughter of Spurlock[7] Damron (Lawrence[1] George[2] Lazarus[3] Moses[4] Lazarus[5] Richard[6]). Rebecca was b. April 9, 1842, oldest daughter of Spurlock Damron b. 1813, d. 1870, and Sarah Trout. John A. Damron said that Mr. Pickelsimer told him the Damrons were German and came from North Carolina, but this mustrefer to the Trouts, who were German, Christian Trout being the first to bring coal out of the mountains in his region. Robert Damron's children were:

1. Elizabeth who married John Roberts.
2. Mary who married Rich Roberts and second Sol Roberts.
3. Jane who married Gilliam Roberts.
4. Caroline who married Jackson Case.
5. Abraham (Bud), who married Nancy Ratliff.
6. P. Spurlock who married Frona Damron.
7. Kate who married George Mitchell.
8. Adam, who married Gertrude Damron, daughter of Moses Dee Damron b. 1836, who was the son of James Damron of Suckey's Creek.
9. Eve, who married Joseph Damron, then Campbell Adkins.
10. Nina, who married Paris Coleman.
11. John A. Damron, who married Nana (Nonie) Bertha Coleman, and 2d Angeline Prater. He lives on the Yeager Road, Route 3, Box 521, Pikeville, Ky. He is a Regular Baptist preacher, as his father Robert was before him.
12. Robert (Bob) V. Damron, m. Dellia Hughes, then Ann Ferguson.

VIII. REV. JOHN A. DAMRON, son of Robert and Rebecca Damron, was age 73 in 1956. He looks like a typical Damron and the early Damrons must have been similar to him in appearance. During the week he farms a 260 acre farm, the last one on the Yeager Road. His children by Nonie Coleman were: 1. Thomas b. 1902. 2. Gilbert, b. 1904, who was killed in a wreck. 3. Martha b. 1909. 4. Stella b. 1911. 5. Oma b. 1911. 6. George Powell b. 1917. 7. Richard b. 1926. The children of Angeline Prater are: Peter b. 1936. 9. McKinley b. 1941. 10. Elizabeth b. 1943.

Robert Damron was a Union soldier under Lincoln and a Regular Baptist minister, as John A. is at Marrowbone, and nearby congregations. John A. has a niece, Becky, living near him on Route 3, who married Reese Damron, son of Jane and grandson of Jack Damron.

JAMES DAMRON OF SHELBY CREEK, KENTUCKY

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in Northumberland Co., Va. 1652.
II. GEORGE, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, and inherited his father's land.
III. LAZARUS m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Smith. He d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1749.
IV. LAZARUS DAMRON, of Russell Co., Va. and Kentucky, Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier. He came to Kentucky with six sons, three of whom moved to W. Va. He was one of the earliest settlers near Boldman, Ky. where the fort was called Damron's Fort.

V. JAMES DAMRON, one of the six sons of Lazarus above, is listed in Pike County, Kentucky, Marriage Records as marrying Polly Adkins 1836. His grandson, Robert, who lives on Suckey's Creek, Shelby Creek, Ky., said that James married Polly Adkins and lived nearby on Suckey's Creek. He said the father of James came from Virginia and that James had no brothers and sisters. However, Robert's sister told Miss Aiken that James had a brother named Bill. James died in his 80's, Robert told us.

In 1816 Moses Damron deeded to James Damron 100 acres on Shelby Creek. In 1817 James Damron deeded 100 acres on Shelby Creek to John Mullins. In 1821 James Damron bought 650 acres on Shelby Creek from Thomas Price, and also a good deal of other land from time to time.

Pike County Court Order Books, Ky. has the following items:
1824, p. 107, March Term: Road viewed from Moses Damron's old place to the seat of Justice at Elijah Adkins.
1824, May Term, JAMES DAMRON, Surveyor, to survey road fromJames Damron to the road at David Polley's.
1822 Richard Damron, security, p. 2.

Will Book B, p. 128. WILL OF JAMES DAMRON, probated 24 Nov. 1879, on oath of Hibbard Williamson and James M. York, furniture to wife Elizabeth, land to James and John Damron, my grandsons and sons of M. D. (or M. O. it is not readable) Damron, my son.

Fiscal Court Order Book Has: M. D. Damron p. 59, James 149, James, settlement, 290-295; Robert, official of E. 324. Index to Estates, Pike Co. has: James M. Est., Emma Damron, administrator. J. C. Damron est., Roxie Adm., also Fred Damron, James Damron, administrator, Robert, Jr., Martha Ann, minors, Hattie K. Damron, admx.

vi. MOSES DEE DAMRON, sixth generation, born 1836, had only one sister named Huldy who married Louis Sturgell, according to his son Robert. His children were:

1. James, eldest.
2. Robert of Shelby Creek, born 1886, married Artie Sturgell.
3. John, deceased in 1956.
4. Jerome. (The records show that Jerome m. Bird D. Brewer, 1897, Pike Co.)
5. Myrtle, m. D. T. Keel, res. Scott Avenue, Pikeville, who has an old Bible. Mrs. Walter Hatcher, her niece, daughter of Mrs. Whitman, has some genealogy.
6. Gertrude, who married Adam Damron, brother of Rev. John A. Damron. Claire is one of their children. Adam's father was Robert and his mother Rebecca Damron, daughter of Spurlock Damron and granddaughter of Richard Damron of Shelby Creek. Robert was the son of Abraham Damron and Sarah Branham who were m. 1835.
7. Lou Damron, m. George Pinson, res. 261 Scott Ave., Pikeville, Ky.
8. Elizabeth, Mrs. Whitman, res. College St., Pikeville, Ky.
9. Molly Damron.

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THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD DAMRON OF KENTUCKY

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, first generation, of Northumberland Co., Va. in 1652.

II. GEORGE m.Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, and inherited Guarding Point.

III. LAZARUS, m. Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Smith.He died Albemarle Co., Va. in 1749. His sons were Richard d. unmarried; George, Moses, John.

IV. MOSES, fourth generation, inherited his father's plantation in Albemarle Co., Va. on Red Bank and Damron's Creek. His children were: Lazarus who went to Kentucky; Moses who went to Kentucky; probably Capt. John b. 1757; and perhaps Richard who went to Kentucky. These were all in Russell County, Va. after the Revolution guarding the frontier. Sarah Damron Adair said that her father Moses, immigrated "to Kentucky with two brothers, Lazarus and Richard, and settled on the Big Sandy River. Mr. Damron was a great Indian fighter." Luther F. Damron of West Virginia said the tradition is that Lazarus came to Kentucky with six sons, of whom three moved to West Virginia named Moses, George and Samuel, the other three staying in Kentucky around Shelby Creek. We are not sure of the names of the three of Kentucky, as yet.

V. LAZARUS DAMRON, fifth generation, famous Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier, came to Kentucky around 1804 with six sons. In 1805 his wife was Nancy, and he was living in Floyd Co., Ky. I believe he was one of the soldiers at Blackmore's Fort in Russell Co., Va. after the Revolution. One of the early Damrons must have married the daughter of Solomon King, as this name was carried down.

VI. RICHARD DAMRON, who was either the son or brother of above Lazarus Damron. He was over 21 in 1796, as the Russell Co. Court Records, Book 2, p. 289 show: RICHARD DAMRON by Moses Damron etc. vs. Richd Collier in Case Continued for the Defendant. Ordered that Richard Damron etc. pay Moses Damron 1 Dollar and 6 cents for 2 days attendance for him against Richard Collier, also that he pay John Young 2 Dollars and 12 cents for 4 days attendance for him against the said Richard Collier." This refers to jury duty, or expenses as witnesses. Book 2p. 289, September Court, 1796, says: "Richard Damron by Moses Damron vs. Richard Collier: in Case. Dismiss'd and each party to pay their own costs."

I believe Richard Damron was also a Revolutionary soldier as he received a land grant on Shelby Creek on May 18, 1808, Floyd Co., Ky. 260 acres, where his descendants still live. The militia are not recorded in the War Department files, but he may have received this for service against the Indians after the Revolution. This could be checked with the Secretary of State in Frankfort and in Richmond. Also his name should be checked with the office of the Adjutant General in Washington and the Pension Bureau there.

Order Book 1 has been lost but Book 2, Floyd Co.,Ky.has a case 1814 for Richard Damron. The May Court, 1 15 has "A report of the commissioners appointed to divide the land claims of Richd. Damron, Daniel Harrisons heirs," etc. Floyd Co., Ky. Marriage records show: Richard Damron married Rody Fitzgerrall, June 6th, 1816, by R. Haws. Also Richard Damron married Elizabeth Prowdy Aug. 26, 1821, by Leineer Justice.

In 1956 we found additional items about Richard in the Pike County records: Court Order Book beginning March, 1822, p. 2, Richard Damron is security. On p. 107, March Term, 1824, Richard Damron was summoned to show cause why he had not surveyed the seminary lands. Book 1, p. 143, 9 Jan. 1826--Thomas Owens and William Tackett ordered...to allot land to Trustees of Pike Seminary, RICHARD DAMRON, Surveyor.

Pike County Court Orders, Book 1-A, January Term, 1828, p. 254: The Last Will and Testament of Richard Damron, Elizabeth Damron, executrix, named in the Last Will and Testament Decd. was produced and proved in open court by evidence of Robert Walker, Esq., William Ratliff, Esq., and James Honaker, which is ordered to be... (unreadable). Present: Thomas Owens ,William Ramy (?) Esq. (The item just above this is dated 14 Jan. 1828.)

February Term, 1828, p. 262: On motion of Elizabeth Damron, executrix of Richard Damron appointed and William Ratliff appointed as administrator with her and her motion WITH THE WILL ANNEXED and qualified as such who together with Silas (?) Ratliff's son William Ratliff, Sr. and Abram Damron entered into and acknowledged this bondin the sum of three thousand dollars.

February, 1828: Betsy Damron, executrix, Dr.
Taking the probate and certificate of the last will and testament of Richard Damron, order 25, making William Ratliff, administrator, with her executrix.... Order making ex. 25 and order 18 appointing appraisers. Copy 12/2 Rec. will and Testament 1.80. Copy 900 words for 20 ____. Order 25, copy 18, ordering trustees to Seminary lands. To order 25 making oath and bond 40. Order on your family to give security.

November Term, 1828: motion against Betsey Damron. "William Ratliff and Silas Ratliff vs. Elizabeth Damron and William Ratliff." Betsey Damron and William Ratliff refused to give further security which the court adjudged them to give, p.184. This is followed by "Motion for Letters Testamentary, Estate of R. Damron, Decd., on the Motion of William Ratliff by the consent of Elizabeth Damron, administratrix, with the WILL ANNEXED is granted him of the goods and chattels of Richard Damron, Decd. whereupon he took the oath prescribed by law and entered into bond in the penal sum of three thousand dollars who together with William Cecil, William Ratliffe, Senr., James Honaker,Thomas Price and Elijah Adkins, his securities, letters testamentary are granted him in due forms."

March Term, 1829. A road is ordered through Richard Damron's land by James Roberts, etc.

May Term, 1831, p.4, mentions a road from the branch at Richard Damron's down around the hill to Herrel's Branch to land of Richard P. Robison and James Ratliff.

We again were not able to find the will of Richard Damron which seems to have been about 900 words and might prove who his children were. It should be in the Pikeville courthouse somewhere. The Letters of Administration to William Ratliff might have it annexed in a separate box under date of November, 1828. We could not get into the boxes of Letters of Administration in Pikeville and this should be done andeverything copied on this subject. It looks as if Richard's wife may have been a Ratliff or perhaps a daughter married one. Perhaps he also had a wife named Spurlock. In 1819 Richard Damron was guardian of James Pauley's heirs. The children of Richard Damron were: (Order of birth is not known.)

1. Richard, Jr. who m. Elizabeth Prowdy Aug. 26, 1821, Floyd Co., Ky. Richard and James had a claim allowed Shelby Creek, 1850. Elizabeth and Richard Damron sold to Samuel Mars 1839 on Harmons Creek. In 1847, Richard Damron Estate made a deed on Pond Creek. Richard Damron, Jr. had a natural son by Nancy McGuire b. 29 March, 1814, who was bound out to Lazarus Damron, shoemaker, agreement Dec. 1816 between L.D. and Berryman McGuire.
2. Spurlock b. 1813, d.1870, m. Sarah Trout, dau. of Christian Trout.
3. Moses m. Nancy Justice; his son Wm. had ch. Beldon, T.C., L. M.
4. William M. Damron m. Rutha Ramsay (Polley originally), 1847.
5. Elisha b. about 1800, of Virgie, Ky. father of Samuel Henry, etc.
6. John m. Nancy Branham, 1821, Jan. 25, Floyd Co., Ky.
7. Perhaps Solomon King Damron who moved to Greenup ,, Ky. 1871.
8. Perhaps Abraham who was on the bond for Richard's Will 1828.

VII. ELISHA DAMRON, son of Richard[6] (Lawrence[1] George[2] Lazarus[3] Moses[4] Lazarus[5]) was born about 1800 and lived on Robinson Creek at Virgie, Kentucky. J. Luther Damron, who keeps a store at Virgie, said Elisha's wife was Peggy, last name not known, and that his ancestors probably came from Virginia. The will of Elisha Damron in Book B, p. 93, Pike County, Ky. Wills, gave to wife Sally all real estate and personal property and at death it was to be divided among lawful heirs. Son W.G. Damron was executor. Signed Elisha X Damron, April, 1875. Witnesses: John May and James P. Marrs. Pike County marriages also show in 1845 the marriage of E. Elisha Damron to Sarah Elswick, 1845, Jan. 29, by W. M. Tackett. J. Luther Damron told us the children of Elisha were the following:

1. Samuel Henry Damron, who lived on Robinson Creek at Virgie, Ky. He married the daughter of Rhodes Owens, Kate C. Owens, 1884, in Pike County. His children were: Proctor K. Damron, a lawyer of Pikeville, Ky. who has a son Henry C. Damron on Beef Hide Creek near Pikeville; J. Luther Damron of Virgie, Ky.; Ballard Damron of Robinson Creek; and Blake who lives on the home place on Robinson Creek.

2. Leonard Damron, son of Elisha, died out West in Washington.
3. Richard Damron, son of Elisha, died at Robinson Creek.
4. William Damron, son of Elisha. His son Joe had a son Oscar.
5. Harvey (Doc.) Spurlock Damron, son of Elisha.
6. Wesley Damron, son of Elisha.

VII. WILLIAM M. DAMRON,[7] son of Richard,[6] married Rutha Polley (Ramsay), in Pike County, Ky. February 17, 1847, the minister being George Powell. Her sons by the first marriage, John Wesley Ramsay and George W. Ramsay, were both "in the Yankee army under Lincoln," Harrison Damron informed us, saying also that his grandfather "old man Billy" wasalso a Union soldier, and the "best Republican ever was." He waid that Wilson Damron was also a soldier under Lincoln. Harrison said his grandfather had half-brothers both names Moses, called Whitey Moses and Blackie Moses. The children of William M. Damron were: (He died about 1896.)

1. Moses.
2. Betty, m. McCowan. She was whole sister to James H. Damron.
3. Mary married Miles Swinney or Sweeney and lived four miles up Shelby at Yeager.
4. James H. Damron, a logger, who lived on Shelby Creek, married Louisa Swinney 1879. His children were:

(1) Harrison Damron, age 67 in 1956 when we called on him--he was born 1889 one mile up Shelby from where he lives on Herald's branch on the road leading up above the new hospitalat Pikeville, address P. O. Box 835, Pikeville, Ky. He has three daughters and sixsons, five of the sons having been in the service. He is a Baptist and an Eisenhauer Republican. He was formerly a miner but now farms.

(2) James H. Damron, who lives on the Yeager road.

(3) George Washington Damron, called "Bud", lives on Robinson Creek, Ky. He said his grandfather William M. Damron was in the 39th regiment in the Civil War and that his family came from North Carolina. He said Elisha was 1st cousin to his grandfather and that Luther Damron of Millard, Ky. has genealogy. His wife is Lenna Damron, daughter of John Marrs and Phoebe Damron. Phoebe's father was John Damron of Boldman, Ky. John's brothers were Dee, Will who died in Washington state and Oxier. Bob Damron was her uncle. Spurlock was a brother of Phoebe Damron. She referred us to Oscar Damron, Robinson Creek, and to Joe Damron, Route 2, Pikeville, at Esco--Joe married Eve ____ and his second wife was Sweeney. Oscar hadno whole brother, but a half-brother Garfield Adkins, Barney, Jess, Joe, Jr. Distantly related to P. K. Damron. She said Logan Damron at Boldman had genealogy and also Mrs. Velma Hunt Greenslate of Carter County, Ky.

VIII. MOSES, son of William Damron, the Yankee soldier in the Civil War. WayneDamron of Elkhorn City, Ky. said that "his grandfather was Billy Damron who was a Yankee soldier in the Civil War and was wounded and died later. His forefathers came from North Carolina. Billy's sons were: 1. Moses who married Louisa Ratliff and lived on Shelby Creek, Pike Co., Ky. 2. Jim who married Louisa Ramsey and also lived on Shelby Creek. 3. Another brother Wright Damron, Civil War Yankee, m. Arelia Hopkins. Wright's sons were: Anthony, Dan, James Blaine, Jerome, and daughters were Maudie, Nona and Byrdie. James was killed on the railroad." Moses'children were:

1. James, of Powell's Creek, Pike Co., Ky. (had 20 children?)
2. John, of Shelby Creek, Pike Co., Ky.
3. Miles, Road Creek, Pike Co.
4. Reece, Greasy Creek, Pike Co.
5. King (Ferrell's Creek), Belcher, Ky.
6. Matt, died at 4 years of age.
7. Wayne, of Elkhorn City, Ky.
8. Julia.
9. Mary.
10. Martha.
11. Edna.

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VII. MOSES DAMRON, who married Nancy Justice, July26, 1838, Floyd Co., Ky. He was the brother of Spurlock and William Damron, Beldon Damron told me. Therefore, he was the son of Richard Damron who d. 1828 in Pike Co., Ky. Moses' children were, according to Beldon:

1. William Damron who married Sarah Ann Compton in 1877, Pike Co., Ky. His children were:
   (1) Beldon Damron of Chloe Creek, near Pikeville, Ky.
   (2) T.C. Damron, Richlands, Va., who lives on Clinch River.
   (3) L. M. Damron, Grimsyville, Va. Route 460, near Raven, who has a son William at Richlands, Va. L. M. Damron wrote July 27, 1956: "I am the son of William and William was the son of Mosie and Mosie wasa brother to Spurlock Damron. Bill Damron a brother to Spurlock. As for the rest I can't remember much too far back. I would love to help you more, but I can't." I was also told that Harrison Damron's father and Beldon's fatherwere first cousins.

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I wrote to the Virginia State Library asking for a roster of the 72d militia in Russell Co., Va. after the Revolution, of which John Damron was appointed captain in 1802 by Gov. James Monroe of the 2d Battalion. I also asked if they had any records on the military service of Lazarus, Richard, Moses, George and John Damron. As of July 18, 1956, I received the followingreply: "We do not locate a roster of the 72d Regiment,but it appears that the Russell County order books may contain pertinent data. We do not locate reference to a land grant to the surname Dameron (Damron), 1762-1810. You might possibly obtain relevant information by writing the Land Office, Frankfort, Kentucky. We do not have in our collections any record showing Colonial or Revolutionary War service by the Damrons cited by you. However, in regard to Revolutionary War service, there appear to be records for John Damron, 9 C.L., and George Damron, 6 c. L. on file in the National Archives, Washington, 25 D.C. It is possible that extended research might locate data of interest to you. However, ourstaff is so small that we are unable to undertake any genealogical research whatsoever, so for your information we are suggesting the names of the following individuals who may be able to assist you: Mrs. Robert F. Woodson, 910 Pine Ridge Road, Richmond, Va., Mrs. Virginia A. Dodd, 507 Matoaka Road, Richmond,Va."

In Frankfort at the Historical Society I looked through the microfilm of the Tax Book of Fleming Co., Ky. 1798-1809 and found nothing in 1798, 1799, 1800, 1803. I also checked the microfilm of tax records from 1810 to 1833 and found nothing on Damrons. In Frankfort a note said that Annie Walker Burns, Wallins Creek, Ky., dated Apr. 1933, had made a Record of Wills in Pike Co., Ky. 1821-1851, inclusive. There was an interesting book Military History of Kentucky by Federal Writers Project. Pioneer Kentucky by W.R. Jillson has a ref. to the Long Hunters p. 56, in 1770, headed by James Knox at Flat Lick.

THE SPURLOCK DAMRON BRANCH

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in 1652, Northumberland Co., Va.
II. GEORGE, who m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, of Northumberland Co., Va.
III. LAZARUS, m. Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Smith. He died Albemarle Co., Va.
IV. MOSES, 4th generation, who inherited his father's place in Albemarle Co., Va.
V. LAZARUS, Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier, who fought at Kings Mountain, and came from Russell Co., Va. to Floyd Co., Ky. with six sons before 1804. His wife was Nairy McInery, and his sons Moses, Samuel and George moved to West Va.
VI. RICHARD DAMRON, who was either the son or brother of Lazarus, had a land grant on Shelby Creek 1808, and d. 1828 in Pike Co., Ky. He was in Russell Co. 1796.
VII. SPURLOCK DAMRON, son of Richard, according to Mrs. J. C. Reynolds of Independence, Ky. Route 1, Box 184, who has the Family Bible. Spurlock Damron was born Sept. 13, 1813, and died July 24, 1870. He married Sarah Trout Aug. 4, 1836, Harold Johnston, minister. She was b. May 6, 1813. The Bible lists the following:

1. John Damron b. May 7, 1837, d. Oct. 19, 1912, m. Malinda C. Compton b. Dec. 31, 1848, and had thirteen children. He lived on Hurricane Creek.
2. Christian Damron b. May 12, 1838. He m. Caroline M. Blair (?) 1860.
3. Lewis P. Damron, who was killed in the Civil War, Sept. 21, 1863. B. 1840, 6-9.
4. Rebecka Damron b. Apr. 9, 1842, m. Robert Damron, a 2d cousin.
5. Minty J. Damron b. May 21, 1845. Rev. John A. Damron said: "Some time before the Civil War I had a aunt by the name of Minta Damron that disappeared and was never heard of since. I had a first cousin by the name of Dee Damron that left this country and went somewhere in Texas, maybe bought a ranch." He said that Dee wrote to his uncle John to identify himself in receiving a legacy, and proved his claim.
6. William A. Damron, b. Apr. 6, 1847.
7. Solomon K. Damron b. Mar. 12, 1849. He seems to be named for Solomon King Damron who went to Greenup Co., Ky. from Pike about 1868-71 and m. Martha Ann Layne. I believe Solomon King was the common ancestor of the Kentucky Damrons. There were Kings in Albemarle Co., Va. and also in other places with the Damrons. Richard seems to have married a Spurlock, a King or a Ratliff.
8. Rice S. Damron b. Jan. 21, 1851, and had ten children.
9. Mary C. Damron b. Feb. 12, 1853.
10. Sarah E. Damron b. July 27, 1855.
11. Pernina Damron b. Aug. 27, 1858.

The above John Damron was a captain in the Civil War. His son Louis P. Damron b. Nov. 20, 1869, died Aug. 11, 1938, who had a son Wayne of Ashland, Ky. and a daughter, Mrs. Joe James, Kenova, Ky. Route 2, in Fleming Co. Wayne said his other relatives were Logan Damron near Boldman and Josh Damron. Christian Trout lived on Hurricane Creek, and was the first man to send coal out of that region. He was the father of Sarah Trout. James Damron deeded to Christian Trout, 1833, 40 acres on Hurricane Creek. Sarah and Spurlock Damron made a deed to Lewis Trout 1847, for their interest in the Christian Trout Estate.

VIII. RICE S. DAMRON, b. Jan. 21, 1851, son of Spurlock and Sarah Trout Damron, died in 1897. According to the following genealogy compiled by the Hascal Damron family by his daughter, Rice married Lucy Picklesimer and had six boys and four girls:

1. John L. Damron who married Janie Blair. (Pike Co. records show the marriage of John L. Damron 1892 to Bertha J. Blair.)
2. Fred Damron, who never married.
3. Sol Damron.
4. Kola Damron.
5. Josh Damron.
6. Arlin Damron, who committed suicide.
7. Sarah, who lefthome when young and was never heard of again.
8. Mary, who married Will Williams.
9. Rosa, who married George Owens.
10. Nina Damron.

THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN L. DAMRON

IX. JOHN L. DAMRON, son of Rice S. Damron, and grandson of Spurlock, married Bertha Jane Blair 1892, and they had three sons and four daughters. John L. Damron enlisted as a volunteer in the Spanish-American War 1898, Company K, Kentucky Regiment.

1. Bertram Damron, born 1894, is an old Regular Baptist Preacher. He married Ella Tackett and had three sons and two daughters:

(1) Hascal Damron born 1915, married Mary Leah Mitchell. They have one boy and two girls--John Paul was born 1941. Jeanette was born in 1937 and married Leon Bentley in 1956. Juanita Lou was born in 1938. Hascal's address is RFD 3, Box 573, Pikeville.
(2) Fred Damron, son of Bertram, born 1917, married Evelyn Harrison.
(3) Gene Damron b. 1938.
(4) Joan Damron married Butler Newsome.
(5) Nella Mae Damron married Chester Bartley.

2. Miles Damron, son of John L. Damron, was born in 1906 and married Dixie Brown. He was shot by accident or in suicide.

3. Cordell Damron, son of John L. Damron, was born in 1909 and married Martha Anderson. His address is Route 3, Pikeville, Ky. "He is a Jack-of-all-Trades, and is also an inventor having made some inventions and given them to the Federal Government in the Second World War--the electronic device to block the enemy communications, also the Damron's Rear View Periscope and the reflecting type plumb bob." This was sent by Mrs. Hascal Damron.

4. Emma Damron, daughter of John L. Damron, married Noah Lucas.
5. Jessie Damron married Bill Johnson.
6. Mamie Damron married Howard Spurlock.
7. Florence Damron married Eldon Rowe.

Mrs. Hascal Damron wrote: "C. L. Damron gave me this information: Rice Damron, the father of John L. Damron, the years of 1875 to 1878, worked for a man by the name of Dock Ferguson in Floyd County, Kentucky, near Harold, Kentucky. They built a real big wheel that operated by gravity. They called it a perpertal (perpetual) motion. The large wheel was about 39 feet in diameter and when the wheel was started it would run for several days before coming to a stop, and no one has invented the perpetual motion but the Damron and Ferguson wheel as to some of the old history cases as close as any one has come to making a perpetual motion. To this day some of the patent attorneys in their advertising books still show a drawing of the Ferguson wheel.

"Rice Damron seemed to be the brains of the invention but only worked for Ferguson, so they called it the Ferguson Wheel. Some of the younger generations of the Damrons can remember seeing the wheel, or some of the remains of the wheel about 1900 in the old Ferguson barn. Bertram Damron, a grandson of Rice now living at Route 3, Pikeville, Ky., says he can remember seeing the old wheel which his grandfather helped build."

Hascal Damron told us he had been a miner and secretary of the Union and was now a carpenter, and that Bertram and Cordell Damron had also been miners and carpenters, as many of the Damrons were, he said. The pattern seems to be to work in the mines and later to retire and do farming or other work. These valleys are very narrow and the roads are too narrow for two cars to pass in most places, but we were told the local people did not want them improved as there was too much traffic on the roads now. The local residents seem to love their valleys and to prefer their life to any other, including the boys who have been overseas and away from home for a time. The creeks are very small streams and the houses are usually built close to them. Farming is done on the hillsides chiefly, so far as I could see. But the landscape is very pretty and they have a good life, working when they are young and retiring to their valleys when they are older. They have television there, and Pikeville is a very modern town. The mines employ all local labor, I was told.

SOLOMON KING DAMRON AND JULINA FRANCES COLEMAN

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant, Northumberland Co., Va. 1652.

II. GEORGE, who inherited his father's Guarding Point plantation in Northumberland.

III. LAZARUS d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1749, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Smith. Their sons were Richard, John, Moses, George. Richard had no children.

IV. MOSES, 4th generation, inherited his father's Albemarle plantation. His sons were Lazarus, Moses, probably Capt. John Damron b. 1757, and Richard was either his son or grandson, and the son of Lazarus. Moses d. 1828 on a trip to Illinois, leaving orphan children of his second wife, Jennie Mullins, named Moses, who was crippled, Sarah m. Thomas Owens, William, Solomon, Louisa, Elizabeth, oldest b. 1813.

V. LAZARUS DAMERON, Revolutionary soldier who fought at Kings' Mountain. He married Nairy McInery. He came about 1804 to Kentucky with six sons, three of whom were Moses, Samuel and George who went to Wayne Co., W.Va. Moses m. Polly Preston 1811.

VI. RICHARD DAMERON, had a grant on Shelby Creek 1808, d. 1828, Pike Co., Ky. He was either the brother or son of Lazarus. He was in Russell Co., Va. 1796. Mrs. J.C. Reynolds of Route 1, Box 184, Independence, Ky. says Richard was the father of Spurlock. Opal Damron Smith, 524 Peter St., Williamson, W.Va. says Spurlock's father was Moses D. Damron who married Sarah Adkins. She sent the following data: "On July 16, 1929, my grandfather, Solomon King, gave me a good bit of information. I have carefully guarded this little paper ever since. He was visiting us in Russell Co. and was then 81 but of sound mind. He died in Feb. of the next yr. It goes like this 1. Moses D. 2. Spurlock 3. Solomon King. 4. Moses Spurlock."

VII. SPURLOCK DAMRON b. Sept. 13, 1813, d. July 24, 1870, m. Aug. 4, 1836, to Sarah Trout, b. May 6, 1813. Her parents were Christian Trout who fought in the War of 1812, his wife Sarah Gearhart. Children: John, fought in Civil War as a Yankee, m. Linda Compton; *Christian m. Matilda Blair; Lewis P. killed in the Civil War; Rebecca, m. 2nd cousin Robert Damron; Minty Jane m. Bill Lanie; Will Auxier m. Sallie Michell, they had no family; Solomon K. m. Julina Frances Coleman; Rice Spurlock m. Lucy Picklesimer, moved to Louisa; Katie m. Tom Moore; Sarah m. Harve Coleman, brother to Julina; Pernina m. Jim Ramsey.

VIII. SOLOMON KING DAMRON b. March 12, 1849, d. Feb. 8, 1931, married Aug. 25, 1873, to Julina Frances Coleman, her grandfather Peter; her father Daniel Coleman, his wife Bertha Adkins. Children:

1. Mintie Myram m. Grant Martin.
2. John Hays Damron.
3. Moses Spurlock m. Laura Mildred Johnson.
4. James Boone Damron.
5. Joel Damron m. Alta Potter.
6. Eveline m. Daniel Damron.
7. Linda Ella m. Joe Roberts.
8. Laura m. Arvel Coleman.
9. Lawrence m. Mable Ervin of Russell Co., Va.
10. Bethena, died young.
11. Nina m. Manning Hunnicut.
12. Millie Florence m. Brach Newsom.
13. William Damron.

IX. MOSES SPURLOCK DAMRON, m. Laura Mildred Johnson, Children:

1. Emmette Gould, living at Nickelsville, Va. b. June 16, 1906, m. Mary Kate Stapleton.
2. Nannie Opal b. Oct. 20, 1909, m. Otis S. Smith, Williamson, W. Va.
3. Fred Ratliff b. June 7, 1912, m. Mary Browning.
4. Opha Mae b. July 27, 1916, m. Joseph S. Cassell of Mountain Home, Ark.
5. Anna Lynn b. July 16, 1918, m. Albert Statzer of Castlewood, Va.

Moses Spurlock Damron was b. Nov. 11, 1883, d. Dec. 18, 1929, and was married July 8, 1905, to Laura Mildred Johnson of Russell Co., Va. who was b. April 14, 1882, parents Christopher Columbus Johnson and Sarah Jane Evans.

6. Glenn Creear b. March 9, 1921 m. Pauline Innas.
7. Lois June Damron b. May 7, 1924, m. John Horne, Jr. Parkersburg, W.Va.

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VIII. CHRISTIAN DAMRON m. Caroline M. Blair. Children: 1. Joannah, who m. R.T. May; 2. John C. who m. Margret Damron, daughter of John Wess; 3. Margret m. James Damron, brother of Bob, son of Moses D.; 4. Frankie m. Miles Coleman.

IX. MARGRET DAMRON who m. James Damron, had the following children: 1. John Fitch m. Lydia Compton; 2. Emory m. Callie Compton; 3. Charles d. age 18; 4. Madge, m. Ruey Culberson. John Fitch Damron had ten children: Edna Earl, Margret, Gertrude, Atha, Ruby Lois, Robert Lee, Ruth Lillian, Fitch, Jr., Rebecca Jean, James Curtis.

THE JOHN DAMRON FAMILY

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in Northumberland Co., Va. 1652.
II. GEORGE DAMERON, who inherited Guarding Point in Northumberland Co., Va.
III. LAZARUS m. Elizabeth Smith, dau. of Richard. He died Albemarle Co.,Va.1749.
IV. MOSES, 4th generation, who inherited his father's Albemarle plantation.
V. LAZARUS, Revolutionary soldier, who came to Kentucky with six sons.
VI. RICHARD, who had a land grant on Shelby Creek, 1808, and d. 1828 Pike Co.,Ky. He was in Russell Co., Va. in 1796. Children: Richard Jr., Spurlock, William, Moses, John etc.

VII. JOHN DAMRON, who married Nancy Branham Jan. 25, 1821, Floyd Co., Ky. In 1821, Sept. 29, Moses Damron was grantee for land from JOHN DAMRON, grantor, 25 acres on Shelby Creek. In 1837 John Damron was appointed surveyor of Caney Creek. In Floyd Co., Ky. 1815, John Damron had a suit against John Hackworth etc. to eject them from illegally occupying his land on Linicy Fork of the Big Sandy. He was the devise of Richard Damron and brought suit for Richard. The suit occupys 46 pages of court records. There was also a suit in Pike Co., Ky. S. K. Damron vs. JOHN DAMRON, referring to Solomon King Damron no doubt, Order Book 1811-1815, p. 73. May Term, 1831, p. 3, has John Damron viewing pasture land. In 1821, Sept. 29, Book a, p. 15, Moses Damron was grantor to John Damron for 25 acres, Shelby Creek, Pike Co., Ky. In 1831, John Damron sold to Thomas May 25 acres on Shelby Creek. In 1840 John Damron sold to William Ratliff 50 acres on Marrowbone Creek. In 1845 John Damron sold 15 acres on Little Creek to Thomas P. May. In 1849 John and Nancy Damron sold land on Caney Creek to John Kinney, and in the same year of 1849 to various people they sold 240 acres more, all on Caney Creek.

Mrs. Cropper wrote she had corresponded with "a brother and sister, John Wess Damron 94 and Cordie Damron Benson, 96. In answer to my questions, they tell me the oldest generation of Damrons they know of was Dick, their great-grandfather, and one named Mose of the same generation. Dick had a son called Buck, and evidently Buck (obviously a nickname) was father of Alex, who was the father of this John Wess and Cordie and others." However, John Wess Damron told Miss Aiken that his father Alex was the son of John Damron.

1.ALEX DAMRON, son of John, married Polly Harris and had the following children:
(1) John Wess Damron who lived near Pikeville. He was born July 19, 1858, and died April 22, 1955, age over 97. His children were: Alex, Sam and J. G. of Pikeville, Ky. John Wess married first Mary Brewer, then Melinda Ford. He lived on Ford's Branch.
(2) Cordelia m. Henson and lived near Pikeville, Ky, where she died age 98 or 99. Miss Aiken said that she had a beautiful face and that John Wess was very handsome, also, with fine features.
(3) Harvey of Ash Camp, Ky., age 77 in 1954. He seems to have had a son Glen, whose son Joe A. Damron of Grundy, Va., came from Robinson's Creek, near Pikeville.
(4) David of Island Creek, Ky., deceased in 1955.
(5) Jake, whose son James lived at Ivel, Ky.
(6) I was also told that Alex had a son Alex, one Will, who was killed in the mines, a daughter Maggie, a daughter Georgie who married a Howell, and a dau. who m. Henry Sherwood. Will was killed at Hellier, Ky. in the mines.

BUCK DAMRON seems to be thefather of Buck and Harve and Will Auxier Damron, the latter living at Clintwood, Va. Conley Damron who runs the Damron & Tiller Store, dry goods, atLebanon, county seat of Russell Co., Va., told me that his father, Floyd, had a brother Harve, and so did his grandfather Buck. Buck's son Harve, brother of Floyd, died at Clintwood, Va. Floyd's brother J. Mat Damron died in Ky. in Pike Co., and his brother Auxier died in Ky. Floyd's two sisters were Lizzie and Ressie. Floyd's only living brother in 1956 was J.C. Damron of Clintwood, Va. Floyd lived at Penny, near Pikeville, Ky. and his sons were Conley, Vernon, Denver, Carter, Chase, Harold, dead, and Ray, dead, in 1956. Conley said John Damron of Buchanan Co. at Keene Mountain was the son of Jim, and John's grandfather and my grandfather were brothers."

NOTES ON PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

We went to Frankfort to look up what we could find. The Historical Society has the state archives in the old court house instead of the new one. The following was copied from Willard Rouse Jillson's book, published 1923, John P. Morton Co., THE FIRST SETTLERS FROM THE BIG SANDY:

"Tradition has it that among the very earliest settlers of the Upper Big Sandy were "Dad" Owen, "General" Rattliff, James Honaker and Kinsey B. Cecil, all of whom settled along the Big Sandy, near the site of Pikeville between 1785 and 1790. In the early fall of 1787 Matthias Harman, one of the traditional "Long Hunters" of Kentucky, accompanied by a party consisting of Henry Harman, Henry Skaggs, James Skaggs, Robert Hawes, SOME OF THE DAMRONS and a man named Draper, in all about twenty men, constructed a rude log hunting camp in a rock-house on the head waters of Big Sandy. The camp unfortunately was located on an Indian trail, resulting shortly afterwards in bringing Harman and his men into an engagement with a mongrel band of warring Shawnee, Cherokee and Delaware Indians... In 1789 the Leslies attempted to make a settlement at the mouth of Paint Creek on the Tug River, but were driven out by the vigilance of the Indians. They returned, however, in 1791, but instead of locating on Pond Creek, they crossed over on to John's Creek, and formed what was later known as the Leslie Settlement. About this time came THE DAMRONS, Harmons, Auxiers, Grahams, Browns, Marcums, Johns, Hammonds, Wedingtons, Morgans, Harrises, Pinsons, Walkers, Williamsons, Marrs, Mayos, Lackeys, Laynes, Prestons, Boarders and many others. In 1793 the Big Sandy and adjacent regions of eastern Kentucky, while legally a part of Mason County, Kentucky, had already become known as District No. 1 Floyd County." (Note: Page 87 lists Daniel Camron as residing in Floyd 1793 on the Big Sandy.)

PIKE COUNTY, KY., INDEX TO ESTATES:

Able Damron, adm. Anzie Damron.
Adam Damron, adm. Gertrude D., adm.
Almeda " " Robert Damron.
Amos " minor, Vivian Hopkins, Guardian.
Arnold, Ernest, Ruth Mae, Clara, Raymond Damron, Nancy D. Guardian
Betty, Infant, B. H. Damron, Guardian
Bob, estate, Lena Damron, adm.
Edith Damron, Wayne D. adm.
Elster Damron, Ruby D. adm.
George Dewey D. est. Getrude, adm.
Hayes D. Damron, B. H. Damron, adm.
H.S. Damron, est., Mollie Damron, adm.
Hulda S. Damron, est. Bertha Ratliff,
Damron, Fred, James D. am., adm.
Robt. Jr., Martha Ann, minors, Hattie K. Damron, adm.
James M. Damron, Est., Emma D., adm.
J. C. Damron, est. Roxie D., adm.
Loretta, minor; Ethel Meade (?) Guard.

PIKE COUNTY, KY., FISCAL COURT ORDERS FOR THE NAME DAMRON: Damron, John (Christian) 28; J. L. 28; L. T. 34, 41, 92, 141; Wheeler, 34-5; Hibbard, 92-3; John C. 107, 186, 194; Pem 118; M. D. 59; P. S. 133, 135, 194; Adam 134; James 149; W. P. 196; Jno. C. 258; H. 258; W. P. 269; E. Y. 342; John A. 360; H.S :Set. Hi Pauley 474; P. S. 490, 496; Bob V. 492; Hayes 495; H.S. 515, 618; Damron Bros. 571; J.M.J. Damron, 619.

Index to Order Book 1878: William Damron, Deputy Clerk, 10; James Damron stake 73; William Damron, Com. of land, 90,90,97,190,192; M.C. Damron released 92; William Damron, Dep. Clerk 149; James Damron, 268, 272; Moses Damron to guar. 283; James, settlement 290-295; William 361; Robert, official of E. 324.

Index to Order Book 1811 -1815-- S. K. Damron vs. John Damron p. 73 (Note by H.F.S.--this must be Solomon K. Damron); Wm. M. Damron vs. Curley Smith & Co. 82, 98.

Pike County Deed Book Y: Wilson Damron, grantee from H.E. Yates and wife 606, '91. W. A. Damron, grantor to Orville Curve 107, Book 1891.

May term, 1831: p. 3, John Damron views pasture. William Owens here; Thomas Owens p. 5, Senr. Exec. Order Book: 1823, JAMES DAMRON fee deed Crabtree, 1.25.

MARRIAGES IN PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

In 1956, Alice Mary Aiken, Harrisonburg, Va. made a trip to Kentucky and to Claiborne County, Tenn. and the Cumberland Gap region. Some of the court houses were closed but we found some additional information in several places. We copied down the following marriages in Pike County, Ky., in addition to those previously mimeographed: Fleming County was formed from Mason Co. in 1798. Floyd was taken from both Fleming, Mason and Montgomery in 1799. Rowan was taken from Fleming 1856. Pike was taken from Floyd. Shelby Creek is today all in Pike County. Miss Aiken copied down "Thos. Damron m. Polly Preston, Mar. 28, 1811," Floyd Co., Ky. but this must be a mistake as the former record shows it was Moses Damron.

PIKE COUNTY MARRIAGES:

Damron, Abraham to Sarah Branham, July 6, 1835, by B. H. Johnson.
Damron, Abraham, to Pricy Roberts, 1853.
" William, to Ruth Ramsey, 2/17/1847, by George Powell.
" Lazarus to Rebecca Ratliff, 12/31/1846, by Russell Clevenger.
" Jackson to Spicy Roberts, 9/7/1848, by W. M. Tackett.
" Solomon, to Frances Sword, 1/4/1849 by W. M. Tackett.
" Elysha to Sarah Elswick 1/29/1845, by W. M. Tackett.
" Spurlock to Sarah Trout 8/4/1836, by Harold Johnstnn.
" James to Polly Adkins, 5/1/1836, by Harold Johnson.
" Moses to Charity Adkins, 8/3/1837, by Harold Johnson.
" Lazarus to Jane May 1/7/1839 by W. M. Tackett.
" William to Susan Ratliff, 10/16/1839, by R. Clevenger.
" Christian to Caroline M. Blair (?), 1860.
" Moses to Artie Sturgeon, 1861.
" James to Sara (?) Caudell, 1868.
" John to Malinda C. Compton, 1869.
" Alford J., to Mary E. Kinney, 1879.
" James to Louisa Swinney, 1879.
" James M. J. to Sarah Osborn, 1879.
" James, Jr. to Martha A. Greer, 1877.
" William to Sarah A. Compton, 1877.
" Wright to Aureely Hopkins, 1875.
" John, Jr. to Malvina France, 1874.
" William J., Mr. to Louisa Ratliff, 1874.
" James Sr. to Elizabeth Nickels, 1873.
" Ruben to Polly Branham, 1873.
" Solomon K. to Julina F. Coleman, 1873.
" William J. to Mary D. May, 1873.
" James, Jr. to Rhoda Mullins, 1871.
" Floyd to Mary F. Ratliff, 1882.
" James to Mary Roberts, 1882.
" Lafayett to Ardela McCoy, 1882.
" John W., to Mary Beaver, 1882.
" R. W., to Annie Lambert, 1882.
" William to Elizabeth J. Justice, 1884.
" Caleb to Alcy Branham, 1884.
" John to Matilda Casebolt, 1870.
" Albert E. to Liza J. Bartley, 1892.
" John L. to Bertha J. Blair, 1892.
" Albert E. to Liza J. Bartley, 1892.
" Emmett to Mary Ramsey, 1889.
" Emit to Mary Adkins, 1889.
" John to Margarett Damron, 1888.
" Spurlock to Kentucky Casebolt, 1878.
" L. T., to Anna England, 1885.
" James to Emaline Roberts, 1885.
" James to Margret C. D. Damron, 1885.
" Willard to Jennie Tackett, 1905.
" Harve to Lulie McCown, 1905.

Samuel H. to Kate C. Owens, 1884.
J. W. to Mollie W. Owens, 1884.
George to Mary Roberts, 1881.
John to Nancy Case, 1880.
Mat to Alafore Newsom, 1899.
Ruben to Jane Martin, 1899.
John to Matilda Robinson, 1899.
James to Rachel N. Hopkins, 1898.
Jerome to Bird D. Brewer, 1897.
James to Martha A. Compton, 1896.
J. M. J. to Belle Cantrill, 1896.
Ezekiel to Nancy Deskins, 1896.
P. S., to Frona Damron, 1895.
Joseph to Eva Damron, 1895.
Wauxier to Jane Moore, 1894.
Lee to Mattie E. Porter, 1894.
Caleb to Lucy C. Martin, 1894.
Spurlock to Esther Blair, 1894.
W. Auxier to Jane Moore, 1894.
James to Juda Pauley, 1894.
David C. to Manda E. Robinson, 1891.
Ruben to Nancy Damron, 1891.
Walter to Louisa Blair, 1890.
J. Harve, to Rebecca Ford, 1900.
J. H. to Cora Sanders, 1900.
Samuel to Delpha Elswick, 1900.
Reubin to Mary Mullins, 1901.
John A. to Nonia B. Coleman, 1901.
Jack to Alafore Robinson, 1901.
Magellan to Georgia Thornsbury, 1901.
Bazil to Katy Akers, 1903.
Robert W. to Addie Sword, 1903.
Daniel to Ida Akers, 1903.
Elisha to Arty Tackitt, 1903.
Reece to Sarah Justice, 1905.
Bud to Usley Kinney, 1905.

THE STORY OF JENNY WILEY AND THE INDIANS

There is a story of Lazarus Damron and Jenny Wiley given in Ely's The Big Sandy Valley, taken from Hardesty's Historical and Biographical Encyclopedia.

Jenny Sellards married Thomas Wiley, a native of Ireland, who lived on Walker's Creek, in Wythe, now Tazewell County, Va., at the time of her capture by Indians. "She had a sister living near by, the wife of John Borders...Several families named Harmon lived in the same neighborhood, some of whom were noted Indian scouts." Jenny Wiley's husband was digging ginseng in the woods in 1790, and by mistake the Indians took revenge on the Wileysinstead of the Harmons, as "Some time previously, one of the Harmons had shot and killed two or three of their number, and a party of fivereturned to seek vengeance on the Harmons." The Cherokees tomahawked and scalped a younger brother and three of the children, and took Mrs. Wiley, her infant a year and a half old, and Mr. Wiley's hunting dog with them to the Ohio River. The Indian trail led down what became Jennie's Creek to the mouth then down Tug and Big Sandy to the Ohio.

"No sooner had the news of the horrid butchery spread among the inhabitants of Walker's Creek settlement than a party, among whom were LAZARUS DAMRON and Matthias Harmon, started in pursuit. They followed on for several days, but failing to come up with the perpetrators of the terrible outrage, the pursuit was abandoned, and all returned to their homes. The Indians expected that they would be followed, and the infant proving an incumbrance to their flight, they dashed out its brains against a beech-tree...When the savages...reached the Ohio, it was very much swollen; with a shout of O-high-O, they turned down that stream...to Big Blaine Creek...Here they remained for several months, and during the time Mrs. Wiley was delivered of a child." The Indians dashed his brains out, also, fearing he would become a brave warrior as he screamed furiously when they tested him for courage. An old Cherokee chief saved the life of Mrs. Wiley when they decided to kill her, on condition that she would teach his squaws to make cloth like the gown she wore. "But she was reduced to the most abject slavery, and was made to carrywater, wood, and build fires." Mrs. Wiley escaped one night. Her dog tried to follow her but she drove him back fearing his bark would betray her. She crossed Main Paint Creek to the Levisa Fork and on the opposite side near the mouth of John's Creek, she could see men at work on a blockhouse. Shecalled to them and they took her across the stream. As they got to the other side, the old chief appeared with Jenny's dog preceding him, striking his hands upon his breast and saying "Honor, Jenny, honor!"

She had been in captivity more than eleven months. Returning to her husband, after nine years, in 1800, they moved to Tom's Creek near the Levisa Fork. She survived her husband 21 years and died 1831. After her return five other children were born, Hezekiah, Jane, Sally, Adam and William. Hezekiah lived on Twelve Pole Creek. Jane m. Richard Williamson and lived on Twelve Pole. Salley married Christian Yost of Ky. and later Samuel Murray. William raised a large family and after the sale of the Wiley farm moved to Tom's Creek. Adam P was the most noted. "In physique he was scarcely excelled by any man in the Sandy Valley. Tall, straight as an arrow, brown of skin, slow of movement and speech, he was an attractive figure to look upon." He was a great fiddler at dances, but becoming a Baptist, began preaching, making very long sermons like himself. In his old age he went back to fiddling at house-raisings and corn-huskings." Many of Jenny's descendants lived in Johnson County, Ky.

The Indians had their big graveyard at the mouth of the Sandy River, and as this was sacred ground, they defended this region from the white intruders. It was a dangerous place to pick for the first settlement of the place.

JAMES DAMRON OF FLOYD AND PIKE COUNTIES, KY.

FLOYD COUNTY, KY. DEEDS: Moses Damron to James Damron, July 6, 1816, 100 acres on Shelby Creek, Book a, p. 350. James Damron to John Mullins, Jan. 1, 1817, 100 acres on Shelby Creek. Richard Damron to James Damron, assignment, Feb. 26, 1816. James Damron to James G. Hatcher, Aug. 9, 1830, 50 acres on Mud Creek. James Damron from Moses Damron, July 6, 1816 (same as above in Grantor index.) James Damron from David Morgan Est.Coms. 1817, 100 acres, Shelby Creek. James Damron from John Graham, 1818, 25 Acres Shelby Creek. James Damron from Tilpollard May, 1830, 50 acres, Mud Creek.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PIKEVILLE, KY. DEEDS: James Damron Grantee, from Thomas Price, Dec. 9, 1821, Book A, 22, 650 acres on Shelby Creek.

James Damron Grantee, from Bradley Elsmeck, Sept. 17, 1823, A, 66, 100 acres on Shelby Creek.

James Damron, Grantee, from Reuben May Jul.12, 1829, A, 64.

James Damron, Grantee, from John Branham, May 23, 1831, A, 191, Levisa Fork.

James Damron, " from William Adkins, Jul., 20, 1831, A, 1, 193, 2 Tracts, 20 acres, Hurricane Creek.

James Damron, Grantee, from Pikeville Town by Tr. Aug. 6, 1832, 100 Acres.

James Damron from Pikeville Town by Tr. Aug. 6, 1832, A, 249, 50 AcresElkham Cr.

James Damron, Grantee, from Arnold Perry,Jr. Dec. 3, 1832, 50 A. Cedar Creek.

James Damron from Arnold Perry, r. Dec. 3, 1832, 50 A, Cedar Cr. Al, 331.

James Damron from Daniel Ramsey al. Dec. 25,1834, 50 ac. Hurricane Cr. Al,428.

James Damron Estate, Grantee, Elizabeth Damron, release, Nov. 26, 1879, Release of dower, Bl, 16.

James Damron, Est. Lewis Trout, Apr. 10, 1839, B,57, 15 Acres, Hurricane Cr.

James Damron, Grantee, from Thomas May al, Comrs. D. 1839, 50 A. Hurricane Cr.

Betsy Damron, Grantee, from John Johnson, May 28, 1841, 25 Ac. Caney Cr.

Lazarus Damron,Grantee, from James Damron & wf. Oct. 4, 1842,75 Ac. Hurricane Cr.

James Damron, from James Roberts, Jr. Mar. 25, 1844, 20 Ac. Shelby Cr. B,340

James Damron from John Mullins & wf. Mar. 8,1844, 2 trs.Shelby Cr. B, 346.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEEDS, Grantor index:

James Damron, Grantor, to Reuben May Jul. 20, 1822, 400 Ac. Shelby Crk. A.10.

James Damron, " to John Mullins, July 23, 1825, 50 Ac. Shelby Cr. A, 148.

James Damron " to Isham Mullins, Apr. 16,1825, 50 Ac. Beefhide Cr. A, 162.

James Damron " to John Mullins, Feb. 27, 1838, 150 Ac. Shelby Cr. A,317.

James Damron " to Thomas May, July 30, 1829, 100 Ac. Shelby Cr., Al,61.

James Damron " to William H. Mullins, July 25, 1831, 50 Ac. Shelby Cr. Al,178.

James Damron " to Daniel Ramsey, Feb. 23, 1832, Tract, Shelby Cr.,Al,194.

James Damron " to William Adkins,May 11, 1832, 200 A. Shelby Cr. Al,208.

James Damron " to James Swinney, Nov. 26, 1832, 50 Ac. Marrowbone Cr. Al,257.

James Damron " to Christian Trout, Jan. 20, 1833, 40 Ac. Hurricane Cr. Al,272.

James Damron " to Aaron Harless, Jan. 28, 1833, Tract, Marrowbone Cr. Al,266.

James Damron " to John Sword, Oct. 18, 1835, 2 tracts Cedar Cr. Al,424.

James & Polly Damron, to Lazarus Damron, Oct. 4, 1842, 75 Ac. Hurricane Cr.

James Damron to William Keathley al, Sept. 20, 1842, 50 Ac. Hurricane Cr. B,270.

Elizabeth Damron, Grantor, to James Damron, Est. Release of Dower, Mr. 26,1879, Book 1, p. 16.

James Damron to William Johnson, Aug. 1, 1846, 100 Ac. Shelby Cr. C, 113.

James Damron to Elizah Smallwood, Jul. 4, 1849, 50 Ac. Dorton Cr., C, 271.

James and Mary (Nancy crossed out) Damron, to William Weddington, Oct. 11, 1850, 2 tracts, Floyd & Pike, C, 382.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, WILLS:, Book B, p. 128: "To wife Elizabeth all personal property and house and lands, to James Damron and John Damron my grandsons and sons of M.C. Damron, my son, to be equally divided between them. My land that I don't sell or expose of in my lifetime I desire that Executors shall sell the same at the best price he can & apply the same to my debts. I appoint James M. York my executor. JAMES (X) DAMRON, 1879, probated 1880, Wit. Hibbard Williamson, James M. York.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ORDER BOOKS, INDEX:

James Damron, apt. Supt. Shelby Creek Road, 1823, Book a, p. 43, B1,282,398.
James Damron, Inventory, 1823, A, p.106.
James Damron, apt. Surveyor of Public Road, 1824, Book A, p. 122, 133,180, B,242.
Betsy, al, Damron, Subpoena issued, 1828, A, 174.
Elizabeth Damron, Execution of Bond, 1828, A1, 256.
Betsy Damron, indulged to next court, 1828, A1, 257.
James Damron, al, indulged to next court, 1822, B, 91, 310; B1,43,288,313; C,20.
Elizabeth Damron, apt. Guardian for, 1833, B, 113.
James Damron, al. Subpoena Issued for, 1837, B, 276.
James Damron, Apt. Supt. of Public Road, 1837, B, 282, 505.
James Damron, Apt. Guardian, 1840, B, 404,31, B1,625, E, 65.
James and John Damron, apt. appraisers, 1847, B1, p 233.
James Damron, Recommendation, 1848, B1, 278.
James Damron, Commissioned Justice of the Peace, 1848, B1, 288.
James Damron--Thomas May, 1848, B1, p. 294,397.
James Damron, Claim Allowed, 1848, B1, 318,383,501; C, 11,44,104; D. 301, E.266.
James Damron, Apt. Commissioner, 1848, B1, 324,480.
James Damron, Comrs. Report Filed, 1849, B1, 337.
James and Richard Damron, Claim Allowed, Shelby Cr. Oct. 1850, B1, p. 440.
James Damron, Viewers Report, Public Road, 1854, C, 113.
James Damron, Land Warrant, 1854, C, p. 162, D, 145; E. 61, 434.

PIKE COUNTY, KY. DEEDS, Grantee index: James Damron, Grantee, to Spurlock Damron, Mar. 28, 1857, 200 acres Hurricane Creek, D, 357.

PIKE COUNTY, KY. MARRIAGES: 1836, James Damron m. Polly Adkins.

PIKE COUNTY,KY. LAW ORDERS, Book BA, p. 43, February Court, 1823: "A report of a road as _____ and marked from Sucky Branch on Shelby's Creek to the ford of the river above Thomas Witters is received by the Court and James Damron is appointed superintendent of the opening of the same and he called Meriman Magee,William Mullins and William Little, Surveyors, and their hands to assist him to open the same according to law."

Book a, p. 106: "James Damron purchases five tin cups and three gandas at inventory sale of Isaac Little Estate."

PIKE COUNTY, KY. DEEDS, PRICE TO DAMRON: "This Indenture made and entered into this 9th day of December in the year of our Lord 1821 of Floyd Co., and State of Kentucky and JAMES DAMRON of the county and state of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Thomas Price on his part hath this day for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars of good and lawful money of Kentucky to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained sold and delivered unto the said JAMES DAMRON a certain tract of land situate lying and being in Floyd County and State of Kentucky on Shelby's Creek a branch of Sandy River and bounded asfollows to wit beginning on David Branham's conditional line and Madison's line of 1000 acre survey of which this is a part thence with several lines of said survey to Cowcumber marked on ornear the line of said survey thence to a beech marked near the Creek thence on the same course a straight line near so as to strike a conditional line made by Cole and Madison and with the said conditional line to a white oak corner of said conditional or near the line of said 1000 acre survey and with the lines of the same to said Branhams conditional line to the first of Madisons containing 650 acres be the same more or less..." Signed THOMAS PRICE, Witnesses David Branham, Moses Damron. Certified Apr. 9, 1822, and proved by Mariman McGee, David Branham, Moses Damron, witnesses. SPENCER ADKINS,CC.

THE DAMERONS OF FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

The Marriage records of Floyd Co., Ky. at Prestonburg, Ky. show the following:

Moses Dameron and Polly Preston 28th Mar. 1811, minister, R. Haws. 1,15,304.
Joseph " Elizabeth Dyck, Dec. 1815 " " 1,52,307.
Richard " Rody Fitzgerrall, June 6th, 1816. 1,59,310.
Lazarus " Polly Mullins, 15th Feb. 1821, James Roberts, Minister. 1,151,661.
John " Nancy Branham, Jan. 25, 1821, James Roberts, minister. 1,151,663.
Richard " _____ name not given but was later found to be Elizabeth Prowdy "This is to certify the copple are joined together according to the rights and services of the church to which I belong to, given under my hand this 26th of August, 1821, Leineer Justice." 1,161,662.
Moses Damron and Nancy Justice, July 26, 1838. 1,161,957.
Samuel " Louise Coburne, Jan. 26, 1843. 1,161,1256.
1857 Solomon K. Damron, 1,161,1768.
1878 Ezekial " " 3178
1885 Jacob " 6,195,3746.
1887 William, " 7,41,3906.
1897 Allan " 8,429,4917.
1903 Spurl Damron 8,429,5785 (Spurlock?)
1903 Don " " 5786
1904 James " " 5887

The Deeds at Floyd Co., Ky. show the following:

Moses Damron to James Damron, July 6,1816, 350 a. 100 a. Shelby Cr., Book a,350.
Richard Damron to Meriday Collins May 18, 1816, 50 a, Shelby Cr. A, 342.
Moses Damron to Thomas Kelley, Dec. 13, 1815, A, 275; 50 acres Shelby Creek.
Moses Damron to John Mullins, Jun. 8, 1815, A, p 222, 50 acres Caney Creek.
Richard Damron to Moses Damron, Feb. 1, 1815, A, 221, 200 a. Shelby Creek.
Richard " to Daniel Branham, Dec. 22, 1814, A, 195, 75 ac. on Shelby Cr.
Richard " " David Branham, Dec. 22, 1814, A, 194, 25 acres, Shelby Creek.
Richard " Abraham Beavers, Nov. 2, 1814, A,192, 100 Acres on Sandy River.
Richard " John Hackworth Feb. 1, 1817, A, 404, 20 acres, Sandy River.
James Damron to John Mullins, Jan. 1, 1817, A, 401, 100 acres Shelby Creek.
Richard " John Hackworth, Feb. 1, 1817, A, 404, 200 a. on Sandy River.
Richard " John Shockey, Feb. 10, 1817, A, 415, 150 acres Stone Coal Cr.
Moses " Richard Damron, Asgmt. Jan. 16, 1815, A, 422.
Richard " James Damron, Asgmt. Feb. 26, 1816, A, 422.
Moses " affidavit, Feb. 15, 1819, B, 103.
Richard " Henry Weddington, Jan. 22, 1820, B, 123, 70 acres on Mossy Bottom.
" " John Branham, Feb. 16, 1820, B, 169, 70 acres, Sandy River.
" " Curmilus Estep, Feb. 16, 1820, B, 159, 63 acres, Sandy River.
" " Affidavit, Aug. 21, 1820, B, 155, aff. of purchase.
James Damron, to James G. Hatcher, Aug. 9, 1830, C, 210; 50 acres, Mud Creek.
Martha and Solomon K. Damron, to Joseph H. Davidson, Aug. 18, 1868, 100 a. Daniels Cr. Book H, p. 325.
Martha A. and Solomon K. Damron, to James H. Hatcher, Dec. 21, 1868, 258 ac. Sandy River, Book H, p. 402.
Mary A. and Samuel Damron to George W. Layne, Mar. 5, 1889, book O, p. 72, A tract.
Ezekial and Vela Damron to J.D. Mayo al, Dec. 13, 1890, A Tract, P, 423.

(Note by A.A. There are 9 pg. and did not copy all. Shelby Creek is all in Pike Co. today. Big Sandy Creek is in both Floyd and Pike Counties, also Lawrence Co. Pike Co. was taken from Floyd Co. Following are 7 pages; did not copy all.)

Richard Damron, Grantee, from John Graham Aug. 12, 1814,1283 acres Sandy R.,A,179.
Moses Damron from Richard Damron, Feb. 1, 1815, 200 a. on Shelby Cr. A, 221.
Moses Damron from John Graham, Nov. 25, 1815, A, 251, 100 a. Trace Fork.
James Damron from Moses Damron, July 6, 1816, 100 Acres, Shelby Cr., A, 350.
Richard Damron from Moses Damron, Asgmt. Jan. 16, 1815, A, 422.

DEEDS, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

James Damron from Richard Damron, Asgmt. Feb. 26, 1816, A, p. 422.
Moses " " David Morgan, Feb. 2, 1812, A, 422, 100 acres, Shelby Creek.
James " " David Morgan Est. Coms. D. May 18, 1817, A, 439, 100 Ac. Shelby.
James " " John Graham, Nov. 6, 1818, 60 acres, Shelby Cr. A, 556.
Moses " " John Graham, Nov. 6, 1818, 25 Acres, Shelby Cr. A, 556.
Richard " " Jarrett Morgan, Asgmt. Apr. 15, 1819, Title Bond, B, 104.
" " " David Morgan, Est. al. Mar. 1, 1820, B, 113, Shelby Cr.
Moses, Sr. " " William Morgan, Feb. 9, 1822, by Deed Gdn. 120 A. Shelby Cr.
Al, James Damron from Tilpollard May, May 15, 1830, 50 acres, Mud Creek, C, 209.
Al, Martha A. Damron from Edwin Trimble al. Nov. 29, 1852, Sandy R. F, 174.
Right Damron from Tandy M. Layne and wf. Oct. 2, 1899, one Acre, Big Sandy R.
Al, Evaline Damron from Matt Kidd and wf. May 16, 1906, Little Mud Cr. B. 17,494.

FLOYD CO., KY. LAW ORDERS, index, two pages:

Richard Damron: John May, 1809; bond security, 1813; Magie Merriman, 1813; Thomas Evans, 1814; est. Division of land, 1815; Nancy McGuire, 1816; William Morgan, est. 1819; indulged to next court, 1819; appt. surveyor, 1820.

Moses Damron : attachment for contempt, 1818; taxable property list, 1819; affidavit to be filed, 1819.

Martha Ann, apt. of Guar. for, 1851; Lazarus, executed bond as justice 1871; Ezekiel, ex. of bond, 1879; Ezekiel, resig. as constable, 1879; Samuel, exonerated, 1879; William, apt. of Guar. for., 1887; Rosa M., est. Probation of will, 1888.

CIRCUIT COURT INDEX, FLOYD CO., KY:

Samuel Damron, Plf. and Richard P. Robertson, Def. B, 128,174,176,206. Year 1820.

FLOYD COUNTY, KY. LAW ORDERS:

Sept. Court, 1818, p. 45, book 3: "AN ATTACHMENT for contempt is ordered against Thos. Kelly & Moses Damron, Senr. for not obeying a Spa. to attend this court & bail in the sum of $100 each to be endorsed on said attachment."

Feb. Court, 1819, B. 3, 64: Moses Damron 1 tithe, 30 acres, 2nd rate land at $150 plus horse at 40 dollars.

Feb. Court, 1819, Book 3, p. 66: Moses Damron, Senr. came into court and made oath to and subscribed his affidavit respecting the title bond, David Morgan executed to Isham Hall Senr. and James Morgan which is ordred to be filed.

June Court, 18 71, Book 11, p. 380: LAZARUS DAMRON this day appeared in Open Court and introduced a certificate of showing his election to the office of Justice of the Peace of Floyd Co., in District No. 7 and also introduced a commission from His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky investing him with full power and authority to execute and discharge the duties of said office thereupon said LAZARUS DAMRON took the oath of office thereunder as required by law and executed the Bond conditioned as the law directs, which bond is in words and figures as follows, viz. We, LAZARUS DAMRON, as Justice of the Peace of Floyd County in Districtinscribed and James P. Harris, P. H. Weddington, A.L. Martin, G. M. Witten, his securities do hereby covenant and agree with said Lazarus Damron will faithfully discharge all the duties of said office and pay over in due time to the proper persons all money which may be received by him as Justice of the Peace aforesaid for fines taxes judgments rendered on executions given under out hands this 24th day of June, 1871. Attest. John G. Johns, CFCC."

FLOYD COUNTY, KY. CIRCUIT COURT, PRESTONBURG, Book A, p. 233, 24th day of April, 1815: "Be it remembered that at a Court held for Floyd circuit at the Court House in Prestonburg on Monday, the 24th day of April, 1815, came John Damron the devise of Richard Damron by William P. Fleming his Attorney and filed here in court his certain declaration in ejectment against Richard Fen, John Hackworth, Jeremiah Hackworth, Moses Head, William McGuire, Benjamin Lewis and Squire McGuire..." Following this is a very complicated suit of about forty-six pages not copied. Commissioners were appointed to survey the land etc.

Floyd County Circuit Court, July term, 1820: John Thurman, Plf. against Richard Damron, Def. IN CASE: "This day came the parties aforesaid by their attornies and the Def. produced by demurrer herein and the plff. has joined which is ordered to be filed and on hearing the Court ordered the demurrer with costs therein it is considered by the Court that the defendant recover of the plff. the costs occasioned by filing this demurrer and the Defendant comes and produces his plea & the plff. his rejoinder which is ordered to be filed and on motion of the defendant a dedimus is awarded him to take the deposition of Samuel _____ of Cabell County and late of Virginia before any two Justices of the peace for said county and this course is continued till next court.

John Hackworth, Complainant against John Graham & Moses Pheston, IN CHANCERY, debts. Dispute about sale of land. Lazarus Dameron testifies.

Other items indexed for Richard Damron in the Floyd Circuit Court are: Richard Damron plaintiff vs. Thomas J. Garrett al, File 23, 1819; Richard Damron al, vs. Asgne Samuel May, 1819; vs. Thomas Price, Apr. 21, 1820; vs. Abraham Beavers, 1820; vs. Richard Damron vs. Philip Cole, 1825, several items.

(Note by A.A. Pike County has many Damrons today but not very many in Floyd. The History of Johnson Co. by Hall has quite a lot about Floyd Co. Land Grants for Kentucky by Richard Dancer or Danier is also said to be good.)

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PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEEDS: (Of 33 pages only the earliest were copied.)

RICHARD DAMRON, GRANTEE: from Phillip Cole, Grantor, by Shf. Dec. 31, 1824 1300 acres on Sandy River; from Henry Wedington, Aug. 10, 1826, 70 ac. Sandy R.; from Est. Seminary Land, Jan. 3, 1829, 25 acres; from Cornelius Roberts Nov. 11, 1828, 30 acres, Shelby Creek; Book a, p. 36; from William Ratliff, Dec. 23, 1836; 3 Trs. Harrison Br., B. Al p. 496; from David Campbell & wf. Apr. 4, 1848, 200 acres, Sandy River; from James Roberts Sr. & wf. Jan. 3, 1849, 35 A. Shelby Cr.

RICHARD DAMRON, GRANTOR, Pikeville Ky. (48 pages of Damrons in deeds' index.) Richard Damron to Bradley Collins, Mar. 5, 1823, 50 acres, Shelby Creek; to John Hunt, Dec. 1, 1823, 160 acres, Levisa Fork; to Richard Ratliff, Apr. 25, 1826; Tract on Sandy River; to Cornelius Estep, Aug. 14, 1826, 20 acres Hurricane Cr.; Elizabeth and Richard Damron, Grantors, to Christian Trout, Aug. 23, 1826, 76 acres, Hurricane Creek; same to Henry Weddington, Jan. 12, 1827, tract, A, 275; Richard Damron to Henry Weddington, Power of attorney, May 19, 1827, 322 A; Richard Damron, Estate, to James Honaker, June 15, 1829, 514 Acres Lycans Branch; Richard Damron, Estate, to George Justice, Nov. 25, 1829, 291 A. Feds. Cr.; Richard Damron, al, Estate, to David Branham, Feb. 12, 1830, 100 acres Harmons Br.; Richard Damron, Est. to John King, Oct. 29,1830, 175 Acres, Peter Cr.; Richard Damron, Est. to William Ramsay, Comrs. D. Aug. 22, 1831, Elkhorn Cr. 4 tr. Richard Damron, Est. to Isaac Mainard, Oct. 6, 1835, 162 1/2 Acres Bushy Cr.; Richard Damron, al, Est. to Simeon Justice, Dec. 16, 1836, 50 Acres Marrowbone Cr.; Richard Damron, Est. to Daniel McCoy, Feb. 24, 1838, 109 A. Pond Creek; Richard Damron, Est. to Daniel McCoy, 178 1/2 Acres Blackberry Creek; Richard Damron, Est. to Thomas Hunt, Oct. 8, 1839, 290 A. Tug R. Richard Damron, Est. to William Ferguson, Jun. 16, 1846, 50 Acres Turkey Creek

Floyd County, Ky. Order Book 3, p. 142, Jan. Court, 1820: "A report of a road as viewed and marked from Moses Damrons into the road near Thos. Wittens is received and it isordered that Richard Damron superintend the opening of the same and that he call on John Hackwith, Silas Ratliff, Merriman McGee & Micajah Collier & their hands & John Branham & Jonathan & William his sons, John Morgan, Cornelius Estep, Moses Damron, Jr. to assist him in opening the same according to law and report the same to March court."

Prestonburg, Ky. Floyd Co. Circuit Court, Book A, p. 34, 1815: "JOHN DAMRON, Plf., John Hackworth al, Def. Floyd Circuit Court, 24 April, 1815. Be it remembered that at a Court held for Floyd Co., State of Kentucky, JOHN DAMRON, on the desire of Richard Damron, complains of Richard Fenn in custody of a plea of Trespass and ejectment for that whereas if the 1st day of January in the year 1815 at Circuit and County aforesaid devised and let to farme ten mesauges ten orchards two hundred acres of arable land and five hundred acres of wood lands with the appurtenances lying all upon the Linicy Fork of Big Sandy River to have and to hold the same to him and his heirs and assigns for the full term of thirty years from thence . . . and fully to compleat and be ended by virtue of which said devise the said John Damron the plaintiff afterward to wit on the 8th day of January in the year 1815 aforesaid entered into the devised premises with the appurtenances and was then possession until the said Richard Fen afterwards to wit on the same day and year last aforesaid at circuit and county aforesaid with force and armes entered and expelled and _____ the said plaintiff from the devised premises with the appurtenances and still doth yet keep out the said plaintiff from his possession aforesaid and other wrongs and injuries then and there did against the piece equity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and to the plaintiff damage $2,000 and therefore he sues for the same. WILLIAM P. FLEMING.

"For Floyd Co. Circuit Court of Prestonburg on the 24th day of April, 1815, came JOHN DAMRON by his attorney and brought into court his certain bill against Richard Fen which bill is in the following words and figures to wit: Mrs. John Hackworth, Jeremiah Hackworth, Moses Wade, William McGuire, Benjamin Lewis, Squire McGuire, Gentlemen, I am informed that you are in possession or claim title to premises in the within declaration of ejectment mentioned or to some parts thereof and I being sued in this certain . . . ejector and having no claim or title to the premises do advise you to appear on the 1st day of the next April term of the Floyd Circuit Court at the Court House and then and there by a rule of the same court to be made cause yourselves to be made defendants in my stead otherwise I shall suffer judgment to pass against me by default and you will be turned out of possession. Your loving friend, RICHARD FENN."

"Executed by leaving a true copy of the within declaration in ejectment til each of the heirs of the within named John Hackworth, Jeremiah Hackworth, Moses Wade (Mead?), William McGuire, Benjamin Lewis and Squire McGuire and explaining to them the contents thereof at least twelve days previous to the first day of April, 1815. JAMES STRATTON, Constable."

Floyd Circuit Court, April Term, 1815: "This day came RICHARD DAMRON, the lesor of the Plaintiff and the Defendant John Hackworth, who agrees to have his suit so far as respects the Deft. John Hackworth, Jeremiah Hackworth, Moses Mead dismissed at the costs of the said Deft. John Hackworth, therefore it is ordered by the court that the said Damron, lesor, of the Pltf. herein do recover of the said Defts. John and Jeremiah Hackworth and Moses Mead and that the said last mentioned Defts. go hence hereof without delay.

"I William James Mayo, Clerk of the Court for the Circuit aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true full and complete record of the papers filed of the proceedings...given under my hand the 25th of May, 1815, Wm. I. Mayo."

ORDER BOOK 2, p. 6 (Order Book I has been lost), Floyd Co., Ky., Prestonsburg:

Feb. court, 1814, 2nd day,"RICHARD DAMRON, Assignee of W. P. Fleming, Plff, On Notice, against Thomas Evans, Collector, Def. This day came the Plaintiff in his proper person and the defendants by their attorney and on motion of the Defendants this case is continued at their proper costs."

Book 2, p. 6: "Commrs. James Cuming and William James Mayo are appointed commissioners to settle with Richard Damron, administrator of the estate of Thos. G. Soward, Deceased."

Book 2, p. 8, Mar. Court, 1814: "William P. Fleming for Richard Damron, Plaintiff, against Thomas Evans, Collector of the Levies in Floyd Co. for 1812 and 1813 and Thos. C. Brown, John Thurman, William Rector, James Young, Snr., Meredith Edwards, John S. Basscom, Richard Cam or Conn, William Young, John Jones, David Griffith, Robert Griffith and Christopher Talor, his securities."

Mar. Court, 1814, second day."Fleming for Damron, Plff. vs. Evans,Collector, Def., ON NOTICE. The defendant by his attorney moved the c ourt to quash the notice as this court had no session in January last nor can have again without the intervension of the assembly. The Court overruled the motion and the Defendant accepts and tenders herein this Bill of exception and the court assigns the same."

"July Court, 1816. On the motion of David K. Harris, deputy sheriff, leave is granted him to amend his late returns on the _____ Fleming for Damron vs. Evans."

"May Court, 1815. A report of the commissioners appointed to divie the land claims of Richd. Damron, Daniel Harrison's heirs, Samuel Thompson and others is received and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Richard Damron by proxy it is ordred by the Court that the surveyor of this county do go on the said lands on the ___ day of next and survey lay out and describe by proper notes and bounds the said lands to the several claimants agreeable to the report of the said commissioners."

Book 2, October Court, 1816, p. 192: Richard Damron, Jr.'s son born 29th day of March, 1814, at the house of Squire McGuire, is bound out "an apprentice to Lazarus Dameron, shoemaker, and that the clerk of this court do attend to the execution of the indenture according to law." The mother, Nancy McGuire, is incapable of caring for the child.

Jan. Court, 1819, p. 60, Book 2: Richard Damron produced in Court in account of $8 against the estate of Wm. Morgan decd. for burying Esther, a slave of said estate, which died at said Damron's while hired & Wm. I. Mayo, Guard. of the heirs of said estate, being present, said the account is allOwed and ordered to be copied and certified."

Dec. 1816, p. 13, has agreement between Berryman McGuire and Lazarus Dameron of apprenticeship to teach "said apprentice in the said business of shoemaking and provide for said apprentice good, wholesome and sufficient meat drink washing lodging and teach or cause to be taught in the English language to read and write and also arithmetic as far as the rule of three inclusive and at the expiration of the term of service pay him three pounds ten shillings as his freedom dues and also a good decent suit of mens clothes."

Book 3, p. 113: Sept. Court, 1819:"Richard Damron, Guardian of James Pauley's heirs appeared & being heard on oath is acquitice of fine and he indulged till next court to make his report."

THE RICHARD DAMRON FAMILY

I. LAWRENCE, who was in Northumberland County, Va. by 1652, wife Dorothy.
II. GEORGE, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, inherited Guarding Point.
III. LAZARUS DAMERON m. Elizabeth Smith, He.d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1749.
IV. MOSES, inherited his father's estate in Albemarle Co.
V. RICHARD, who moved to Floyd Co., Ky. by 1808. It was thought a will for him was in existence, but the Clerk at Pike ville, Ky. wrote: "I do not find the will asked about on record in this office. I find entered as a motion in court at the March term in 1828,"ordered that John Bevins, Caleb Bailey, William Owens, and William Adkins or any three of them after being duly sworn, acting do appraise the personal estate of Richard Dameron, deceased, and report to court, according to law. I didn't notice the report. M.R. Riddle, D.C."
VI. SPURLOCK DAMRON, b. 1813, d. 1870, m. Sarah Trout, 1836, Pike Co., Ky. Rev. John A. Damron, age 72, 1954, wrote: "My grandpa on my mother's side was Spurlock Damron and his wife's name was Sarah Trout. He was borned 1813 in Pike Co. Ky. Some of my grandpa's brothers names: John Damron, Richard Damron, Elisha Damron, borned about 1800, W. M. Damron, Mose Damron. Some of my grandpa's children names: John Damron who lived and died on Hurricane Creek in Pike Co., Ky., Christian Damron, Rice Damron, died in Lawrence Co., Ky. P. Damron was killed in the Civil War. He was a Yankee soldier in 1863. My mother's name was Rebecca Damron. She was married to Robert Damron in 1859."

Harrison Damron, Route 1, Box 835, Pikeville, Ky., is the grandson of William Damron who died around 1896. His father, James H. Damron, was born 1859, died in March, 1891. He said "Robert Damron (born 1837, died 1927), Wilson Damron and William Damron were Yankee soldiers." He said Elisha Damron was born about 1800, who appears to be his great-grandfather, and the brother of above Spurlock Damron who married Sarah Trout. Harrison Damron was b. July 23,1889, at Yeager, Pike Co.,Ky.

Elisha Damron had a son Samuel Henry Damron, and the latter was the father of P. K. Damron, a lawyer in Pikeville, whose son Henry C. Damron, a Pikeville lawyer, lives on Beef Hide Creek. Moses of Twelve Pole Creek also had a son Elisha.

In April, 1875, the will of Elisha Damron, left his estate to wife Sally, with son W.G. Damron as executor, Pike Co., Ky. B., 93.

Mrs. John A. Damron of Yeager, Pike Co., Ky. wrote: "I am 72 years old myself and my father was the late Rob Damron an old regular babtist preacher died near Yeager,Kentucky, Feb. 1927, and my grandfather was Abraham Damron died near Greenbriar, W.Va. Some time before the Civil War I had a Aunt by the name of Minta Damron that disappeared and was never herd of since. I had a first cousin by the name of Dee Damron that left this country and went somewhere in Texas maybe bought a ranch. Some time this comming August there will be a Damron Reunion near Elkhorn City, Kentucky."

The Pike County, Ky. deeds show that Abraham Damron deeded to Henry Weddington Oct. 26, 1827, a tract on Sandy River, A, 275. Again Abram and Elizabeth Damron deeded to James Honaker, Mar. 22, 1830, a tract on the Sandy River.

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I do not know what relation there is between the above and Moses D.or Dee Damron, who lived on Shelby Creek, Pike Co., son of James Damron, of Shelby Creek. James had a brother named Bill. The children of Moses D. Damron were: Robert, living on Shelby Creek, Yeager, Ky., the only living son, James, John, Jerome, Molly, Elizabeth (Mrs. Whitman, College St., Pikeville, Ky.), Lou (Mrs. George Pinson, 261 Scott Ave., Pikeville, Ky.), Myrtle, Mrs. D. T. Keel, Scott Avenue, Pikeville, Ky., Gertrude, who married a Damron. Mrs. Walter Hatcher, Pikeville, Ky. dau. of Mrs. Whitman, said Moses D. had no brothers and was not related to the other Damrons closely.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PIKEVILLE, KY. DEEDS:

Elizabeth and Richard Damron, Grantors, to Samuel Mars. Jan. 5,1839, 200 A.Harmons Cr
Richard Damron, Grantor, to Adrian Runyan;Aug. 18,1846, 50 A. Pond Cr. (Estate.)
Richard Damron, Est., to Adrian Runyon, Jun. 12, 1847, 113 A. Pond Creek;
Richard, al, Est. to Thomas Hunt, Apr. 8, 1850, 290 Acres, Coburn Fork.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ORDER BOOKS INDEX (16 pages of Damrons here):

RICHARD DAMRON, Appt. Co. Surveyor, 1822, Book A, p. 4, 16; recommended as surveyor 1822, A1, p. 4; commissioned County Surveyor, 1822, A1, 17; subpoena issued to Richard Damron, 1824, A, 111, 1,117; summons to court, 1824, A, 123; indulge to next court, 1825; A 1, 118; renewal of bond refused, 1826, a, 167; Resigned as surveyor, 1827, A1, 199; Richard Damron, al, Patents, 1827, A1,212,219; Richard Damron, Estate, Apt. of Appraisers for, 1828, A, 143,228; Richard Damron estate land conveyed, 1828, A,158; Estate apt. of Admr. for, 1828, A,184,262; probation of will, 1828, A1,257; Estate aptmt. of Admrx for, 1828,A1,256; Richard Damron apt. Surveyor of Caney Creek Road, 1828, A, 218.

RICHARD DAMRON, INDEX OF ORDER BOOKS: (As Richard Sr. died 1828, the items after that date must refer to Richard Jr. who married Elizabeth Prowdy, Aug. 26, 1821, in Floyd Co., Ky.)

Richard Damron, appointed Guardian, 1833, B, 113; Richard and James Damron, claim allowed Shelby Creek, Oct. 1850, B1, 440; Richard Damron apt. special deputy sheriff, 1851, B1,487; claim allowed 1851, B1,502,BC 244,BD 354; Rickard Damron, al, apt. appraiser, 1852, B1,567,610; Richard Damron, viewers Report Public Road, 1853, C 31; apt. Commissioner 1854, C 40, D 334; Comsr. Report,1854; Richard Damron tavern license, 1857, C 67;

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DEED OF RICHARD DAMRON TO BRADLEY COLLINS

"This indenture made this 5th day of March, 1822, between RICHARD DAMRON of Pike County, State of Kentucky, of the one part and Bradley Collins of the other part, witnesseth, that said Richard Damron for and in consideration of fifty dollars to him in hand paid at or before the sealing and delivering of these presents hath and by these presents do grant bar gain sell and confirm unto the aforesaid Bradley Collins his heirs and assigns one certain tract of land situate and lying and being in Pike County on Shelby's Creek containing by survey fifty acres be the same more or less and bounded as followeth to wit, viz. beginning on Madisons upper line and running with a line granted to Richard Damron asine of John Graham who was asine of John Preston up Shelby Creek with the lines of said survey to a conditional line between Madison Collins and Richard Damron thence with the conditional line thence down the creek to the south line of said survey thence with the said line to Madison's upper line thence with Madisons line northerly to where the conditional beginning betwixt Richard Damron and Maridy Collins which said fifty acres of land with all and singular the benefits and emoliments there unto belonging or in any wise appurtaining to the said Richard Damron do warrant and defend to him the said Bradley Collins his heirs and assigns forever to have and to hold the aforesaid land and premises to him the said Bradley Colens his heirs and against me my heirs and against John Preston and his heirs and against John Graham and his heirs against all persons claiming by through or under us or either of us but against no other person or claims whatsoever in withess whereof the said Richard Damron have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written. Signed sealed & delivered in presence of us: RICHARD DAMRON, witnesses, SAML. SUMMER, GABRILL PARSONS, WILLIAM OWENS, ABRAM BEAVERS. Pike Co. Court Clerk's office this 7th day of Aprile, 1823, I Spencer Adkins Clerk of Court for the Court aforesaid do hereby certify that the written deed was produced to me by Richard Damron and acknowledged to be his act and deed hand and seal and that the same has been duly recorded in my office according to law. SPENCER ADKINS, CPCC

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, LAW ORDERS: (Pike was formed from Floyd about 1822.)

March Court, 1822, 1st day, Book BA, 4:"RICHARD DAMRON and Joseph Adkins are recommended to the executive as proper and fit persons to fill the office of surveyor of this County a majority of all the Justices of the Peace in said county hereby present and concuring in this Recommendation."

Book A, p. 16: "RICHARD DAMRON produced a Commission from under the hand of John Adair, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with the seal of Commonwealth thereto affixed appointing him surveyor of Pike County who took the oath to support the Constitution of the United States and of this State or the oath of Surveyor together with the oath to repress more effectively the practice of Dueling and together with James Honaker, Simion Justice and Thomas Owens his Securities entered into and acknowledged their hand in the penalty of two thousand dollars conditional agreeable to law." (Note: Sheriff Thomas Owens later married Sarah Damron when she was sixteen and they moved to Missouri and Oregon. She was sixteen in 1834.)

March Court, 1822, Bond: "Know all men by these presents that we Spencer Adkins, RICHARD DAMRON, Abram Beavers, William Ratliff, Senr., William Tackett and Thomas Owens are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the penal sum of one thousand pounds for the true payment whereof we bind ourselves and dated the 4th day of March, 1822.

"The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Spencer Adkins as Clerk of the Pike County Court shall duly and faithfully execute the said office and not remove or carry or suffer to be carried or removed out of this county the records and papers of this court or any part thereof except in certain cases which are allowed by law, then the above obligation to be void else to Remain in full force and Virtue. Executed in presence of, Court Attest: SPENCER ADKINS, RICHARD DAMRON, ABRAM BEAVERS, WILLIAM RATLIFF, WILLIE TACKETT, THOMAS MAY, THOMAS OWENS.

March Term, 1824: "Ordered that Richard Damron be summoned to appear here at next April Court to shue cause why he has not located and surveyed the seminary lands.

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RICHARD DAMRON, JR. OF PIKE COUNTY, KY.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEEDS:

Richard Damron, Grantee, from William Little, Sr. & wf. May 3, 1849, 13 acres, Caney Creek, C,305; Richard Damron from Colbert Cecil, Jun. 28, 1849, tract on Shelby Creek, C 34; Richard Damron from James Roberts & wf. Feb. 3, 1855, 50 acres on Shelby Creek, D,161; Richard Damron from James Damron Sr. & wf. Feb. 3, 1855, 2 Trs. Shelby Cr. D,162; Richard Damron from Cornelius Roberts al, Jun. 5, 1855, 250 Acres Shelby Cr., D,198; Richard Damron from Cornelius Little,Aug. 8, 1856, tract, Shelby Cr. D, 344; Richard Damron from David Little, May 25,1858, 50 acres, Shelby Creek, E, 15.

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Above records show that Richard Damron Sr. died in 1828, and that he owned a great deal of land which was sold from his estate on Pond Creek, Coburn Fork, Shelby Creek, both sides of Sandy River, etc.

John Damron had a court case in Floyd Co., Ky. in 1815 on behalf of Richard Damron against Richard Fenn, showing that he must have been his son. On Jan. 25, 1821, John Damron m. Nancy Branham in Prestonburg, Ky., James Roberts, minister. John's son Alex married Polly Harris and their children were: Harvey of Ash Camp, Ky., age 77 in 1954; John Wesley of Fords Branch, 96; Cordelia Henson, age 98; Dave of Island Creek, Ky., deceased; Jake, whose son James lives at Ivel, Ky.

(C) DEED OF JESSE McGUIRE TO RICHARD DAMRON, PIKE COUNTY, 1824

"This Indenture made this 31st day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four between Jesse McGuire late Sheriff for William Graves late Sheriff of Floyd County of the one part and RICHARD DARMON of the County of Pike and State of Kentucky of the other part witnesseth that whereas the said Richard Damron lately before the Judge of the Fleming Circuit holden in the town of Flemingsburg at the March term of said Circuit Court 1821 did recover by a judgment of said court against Phillips Cole the sum of one hundred and twenty six dollars and forty-two cents for his said Damrons costs expended in presenting in chancery against the said Cole whereof in the said court remaining more fully appears and whereas the said Richard Damron produced on the judgment aforesaid out of the court aforesaid a certain writ of the Commonwealth of Kentucky called ____ facie as directed to the Sheriff of Floyd County by the Fleming Circuit Court which writ of fiece facias ____ date the 11th day of October 1821 by which writ it was commanded the said sheriff of Floyd County that of the estate of the said Phillips Cole he should cause to be made the costs aforesaid and that he should have the same costs before the Judge of the said Fleming Circuit Court on the Saterday succeeding the date of the said writ render to the said __ of his costs aforesaid and also the writ aforesaid and whereas the said Jessie McGuire Deputy Sheriff aforesaid by Virtue of the said writ aforesaid directed as aforesaid did return on said writ as follows to wit Executed on a tract of land of 1300 acres claimed by Cole under Deed from James C. Madison and advertised according to law and sole in persuance of said writ of fiece facias and according to the laws of the State of Kentucky in such case made and provided having legally advertised and made known the same did on the third day of December in the year 1821 on thepremises viz. on the said 1300 acres of land expose to sale by public vendue or auction the aforesaid tract of land with the appurtanences to the same belonging andall estate with title claim and demand whatsoever of him the said Phillips Cole unto and over to the same and whereas the said Richard Damron did then and there bid for the same $14-25 and no person hiding more the said tract or parcell of land and premises with appurtanences was in due manner openly struck and sold to the said Richard Damron for the same sum of $14-25, therefore to confirm the said purchase to the witness the said Jessie McGuire Deputy for William Graves as aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of $14-25 in hand receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and by the laws of the state aforesaid hath and doth and by this presents grant bargain sell release convey and confirm unto the said Richard Damron his heirs assigns forever all the said tract or parcel containing 1300 acres lying and being in the County of Pike formerly the county of Floyd and on both sides of Sandy River known by its bounds and established lines as by reference to the pattent will fully appear with all the priveleges and appertainences to the same belonging or in any wise appurtaining with all the estate right interest propertyclaim and demand of the said Phillips Cole unto and over the same and every part and parcel thereof to HAVE and to hold all and singular the above granted bargained premises and appertainances to the said Richard Damron his heirs and assigns forever in as full ample and complete manner as I the said Jessie McGuire Duputy Sherriff as aforesaid might could or ought to convey the same. In witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written. JESSIE McGUIRE, late Deputy Sherriff for William Graves late Sherriff of Floyd County.

"PIKE COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, 1st day of January, 1825. I SPENCER ADKINS Clerk of the Court for the County aforesaid do hereby certify the within deed was produced to me on the 31st day of December 1824 and acknowledged by Jessie McGuire the subscribing party thereto to be his hand and seal and act and deed and that the same was duly recorded in my office according to law. Attest SPENCER ADKINS, C.P.C.C."

(NOTE BY A.A. Pike County was organized at the home of Spencer Adkins on Mon. the 4th day of Mar. 1822. Simeon Justice, James Roberts, Reuben Rutherford, John Hunt and John Bevins produced commissions from under the hand of Gov. John Adair.)

THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD DAMRON

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in 1652 in Northumberland County, Va.
II. GEORGE, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, and inherited Guarding Point estate.
III. LAZARUS m. Elizabeth Smith. He d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1749.
IV. MOSES, of Albemarle, who inherited his father's land. We do not know all his sons but one was Lazarus, the Indian scout, and probably Moses and Richard, as well as Capt. John Damron, all four of whom went to Russell County, Va. after the Revolution. Lazarus, Moses and Richard moved to Floyd and Pike Cos., Ky. There is a tradition that Lazarus had six sons, three of whom moved to West Virginia. It is possible that Richard was his son and not his brother, but the evidence points to the fact that Richard and Lazarus were brothers. In a history of Oregon, 1900, is a story of"Sarah Damron Adair, pioneer of 1843," by her daughter, Dr. Owens Adair: "Mrs. Owens was born in Kentucky 8 Jan. 1818. Shewas the first daughter of Moses and Jennie Damron. Her father was of pure English blood, and immigrated from England to Kentucky, with TWO BROTHERS, LAZARUS AND RICHARD, and settled on the Big Sandy River. Mr. Damron was a great Indian fighter, and was employed by the government as a scout and spy during the war with the Shawness and Delawares." It looks from this as if three brothers came--Lazarus, Richard and Moses (Moses died going to Illinois and left a family of orphans, so we know he could not be the son of Lazarus, as Lazarus had another son named Moses.) Lazarus himself had six sons, according to tradition, three of whom were Moses, Samuel and George who went to West Virginia. The other three might have been Joseph, who m. Elizabeth Dyck in December, 1815, at Prestonburg, Ky. , James (in 1816, July 6, Moses deeded to James Damron, 100 acres on Shelby Creek. On Jan. 1, 1817, James deeded to John Mullins 100 acres on Shelby Creek. Richard Damron gave an assignment to James Damron, Feb. 26, 1816. On Aug. 9, 1830, James Damron deeded to James G. Hatcher 50 acres on Mud Creek,) and Lazarus (who m. Polly Mullins, Feb. 15, 1821, Floyd Co., Ky.) The above names are all found in the records before 1816 except Lazarus Jr. who is found 1821. Therefore the followingseems likely:

1. Lazarus Damron, Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier, who had six sons, probably Samuel, George and Moses of W. Va., and Joseph, Lazarus, Jr. and James or Abraham.

2. Moses of Russell Co., Va. who had a son Moses, Jr. who died going to Illinois This Moses left in 1826 for Illinois with his wife Jennie Mullins.

3. Richard Damron, probably son of Moses of Albemarle, but possibly of Lazarus. He was in Russell Co. 1796. He was probably also an Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier like Lazarus and Capt. John and the other Moses. He received a land grant on Shelby Creek, 1808, Floyd Co., Ky. which may have been for Revolutionary service. One Richard married Rody Fitzgerrall June 6, 1816, in Floyd Co., Ky. In 1816 Richard deeded land to Meriday Collins, 50 ac. on Shelby Creek. In 1815 Richard deeded 200 acres on Shelby Creek to Moses Damron. In 1814 he also sold land on Shelby Creek and Sandy River, on Stone Coal Creek in 1817, and in 1820 on Mossy Bottom. On Aug. 12, 1814, Richard bought 1,283 acres on Sandy River from John Graham. In 1815, Richard was assigned, on Jan. 15, from Moses Damron. Richard died 1828, but no will has been found in Pikeville, though the estate was appraised March, 1828, by William Owens, William Adkins etc.

Richard Damron was in Floyd Co., Ky. 1809 and was appointed surveyor 1820. In 1824 Richard received 1,300 acres on both sides of Sandy River from Phillip Cole, etc. His children appear to be the following:

(1) Richard, Jr. m. Elizabeth Prowdy, Aug. 26, 1821, Floyd Co., Ky.
(2) Spurlock b. 1813, d. 1870, m. Sarah Trout, 1836, Pike Co., Ky.
(3) John m. Nancy Branham in Prestonburg, Ky. Jan. 25, 1821; had sonAlex.
(4) Elisha b. about 1800 (5) W. M. Damron; (6) Moses,(7) Solomon K.?

THE SPURLOCK DAMRON FAMILY

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who was in Northumberland County, Va., by 1652.
II. GEORGE DAMERON, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, inherited Guarding Point
III. LAZARUS DAMERON m. Elizabeth Smith. He d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1749.
IV. MOSES DAMERON, inherited his father's Albemarle lands in 1749. His sons were Moses, Lazarus and Richard who went to Russell County, Va. after the Revolution, and on to Kentucky and West Virginia. Richard appears to be the youngest, probably.
V. RICHARD DAMERON, who had a land grant on Shelby Creek in Floyd County, Ky. in 1808. On June 6, 1816, Richard Damron married Rody Fitzgerrell at Prestonburg, Floyd Co., Ky. On August 26, 1821, Richard Damron married Elizabeth Prowdy there, probably Richard, Jr. The first wife of Richard, Sr. appears to be named Spurlock. Richard owned a great deal of land on the Big Sandy, Shelby Creek, etc. He had a long lawsuit with Richard Fenn carried on in his behalf by John Damron over land titles: "John Damron on the desire of Richard Damron complains of Richard Fenn in custody of a plea of trespass and ejectment," Floyd Co., Ky., indicating John was his son. Richard Damron was surveyor of Pike County, Ky. in 1822.
VI. SPURLOCK DAMRON, son of Richard, born Sept. 13, 1813, died July 24, 1870. In 1836, Spurlock Damron married Sarah Trout, Pike County, Ky. Ora Damron Reynolds (Mrs. J.C. Reynolds, Route 1, Box 184, Independence, Ky.) wrote to Alice Mary Aiken, 1954: "Enclosed is a copy of records copied from family Bible of Sarah and Spurlock Damron, who were my great-grandparents. His father was Richard Damron but I have no record of when they came to Kentucky. My brother is Ellis Damron, Olive Hill, Ky. My father was Lewis P. Damron, born in Pike Co., Ky. 1869, deceased 1938, Carter Co., Ky." The Bible lists under "Births," Spurlock Damron, Sept. 13, 1813; Sarah Trout Damron, May 6, 1813. Under "Deaths" is listed "Spurlock Damron July 24, 1870, Sarah Damron Jan. 8, 1896." The following children are also copied from her Bible:

1. John Damron born May 7, 1837, died Oct. 19, 1912.
2. Christian Damron, b. May 12, 1838.
3. Lewis P. Damron, b. June 9, 1840. "Killed Civil War, Sept. 21, 1863."
4. Rebecka Damron b. April 9, 1842.
5. Minty J. Damron, b. May 21, 1845.
6. Wm. A. Damron, b. Apr. 6, 1847.
7. Solomon K. Damron b. Mar. 12, 1849.
8. Rice S. Damron b. Jan. 21, 1851.
9. Mary C. Damron, Feb. 12, 1853.
10. Sarah E. Damron, b. July 27, 1855.
11. Pernina Damron, b. Aug. 27, 1858.

VII. JOHN DAMRON, b. May 7, 1837, died Oct. 19, 1912, married Feb. 20,1869, Malinda C. Com pton, b. Dec. 31, 1848. They had thirteen children: Lewis P. b. 1869, Phoebe, Spurlock, Lee, Christian D., Alcy Jane, Sarah G., Matilda, Robert, John A. L., Daniel T., King S., Will Auxier, Joseph b. 1892.

Wayne Damron of Ashland, Ky., son of Louis P. Damron and grandson of John, Captain in the Civil War, stated that Daniel Damron, living near Pikeville, Ky. was his uncle; Mrs. Sarah Tackett, near Boldman, Ky., his father's sister; Mrs. Joe James, Kenova, Ky. Route 2, Fleming Co., his sister; other relatives being Logan Damron near Boldman, Ky. and Josh Damron.

THE SPURLOCK DAMRON FAMILY:

According to the Bible of John Damron and Malinda Damron, their children were:

BIRTHS	DEATHS
Lewis P. Damron, Nov. 20, 1869	Aug. 11, 1938
Phoebe Damron Mar. 1, 1871	May 8, 1943.
Spurlock Damron July 8, 1872	Aug. 24, 1943.
Lee Damron, Feb. 24, 1874	
Christian D. Damron, Nov. 26, 1875	Mar. 7, 1929.
Alcy Jane, Sept. 27, 1877	June 27, 1952.
Sarah G. Damron, Sept. 2, 1879	
Matilda, Mar. 15, 1881	
Robert Damron Mar. 26, 1883.	Sept. 18, 1946.
John A. L. Damron, Oct. 24, 1884	
Daniel T. Damron, Sept. 26, 1886	
King S. Damron, Sept. 10, 1888.	Jan. 29, 1944.
Will Auxier, Feb. 15, 1890	
Joseph Damron, Apr. 22, 1892.	Apr. 13, 1924.

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In 1857, Spurlock Damron married Merrinda Roberts, in Pike Co., Ky. Marriages.

Spurl Damron was married in 1903 in Floyd Co., Ky., at Prestonburg, 5785 ref.

In 1872 Spurlock Damron married Lucy Pickelsimer, Louisa, Laurence Co., Ky.

Spurlock Damron was appointed surveyor of Hurricane Gap Road, 1850, Pike Co., Ky.

Spurlock Damron was exonerated, 1833, Pike County Order Books.

Spurlock received a deed for land from Lewis Trout, Mar. 6, 1847, 200 acres on Hurricane Creek, Pike Co., Ky.

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MARTHA AND SOLOMON K. DAMRON

VII. SOLOMON K. DAMRON, son of Spurlock Damron and Sarah Trout, was born Mar. 12, 1849. His marriage in 1857 is on p. 1769, Prestonburg, Ky. Marriage Records. In 1848 he was appointed constable of the Town Precinct, Pikeville, Ky.. He was Justice of the Peace, resigning in 1852, and was Deputy Sheriff the same year. In 1854 he was appointed Commissioner, and in the same year Surveyor of Public Roads. In 1856 he qualified as County Court Clerk. In 1857 he was appointed commissioner to repair the court house, and in 1858 was Commissioner to examine the tax and Dep. County Clerk. In 1860 he was appointed patrolman, and in 1865 was County Treasurer, Pike Co., Ky. The Deed Books of Pike Co., Ky. show that in 1851 he received a deed from Reubin May and wife for a lot in Pikeville, and in 1855 bought a lot from John D. Mims, also in 1857 from Nancy Honaker. Another lot was bought from Geo. N. Brown 1857. On Mar. 7, 1858, he bought 40 acres on Hurricane Creek from Lazarus Damron. In 1868 Martha and Solomon K. Damron sold 100 acres on Daniel Creek to Joseph M. Davidson, and 258 acres on Sandy River to James H. Hatcher.

Mackey's History of Greenup County, Ky., says p. 150 that he brought his family from Pike County to Greenup in April, 1871. He bought the John L. Mackey farm at Siloam. His wife Martha Ann Layne, b. 1833, had the following children: Mary, Belle, Annie, James, Joseph Randolph, Robert O., and Richard. James was a merchant in Catlettsburg where he m. Emma Clinefelter 1881 and Edith Beltin. Joseph m. Lucy David Biggs and lived in Huntington, W.Va. Richard m. Nola Peters and lived in Montgomery, W.Va. Robert O. m. Mollie Gordon and remained on the farm.

THE DAMRONS OF PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEEDS:

Moses Damron, Grantor, to John Damron, Sept. 29, 1821,A,15, 25 acres, Shelby Creek.
Abraham Damron, Grantor, to Henry Weddington, Oct. 26,1827, Tract, Sandy R., A,275.
Abram and Elizabeth Damron, Grantors, to James Honaker, Mar. 22, 1830, Tract,Sandy R.
John Damron, Grantor, to Thomas May, Jan. 8, 1831, 25 Acres, Shelby Cr., A1,166.
Sally and Samuel Damron, Grantors, to Charles Mainor, Nov. 1, 1836, Tract, Bushy Cr.
Sarah and Samuel Damron, Grantors, to Malachi Ferguson, 300 Ac. Bushy Cr. A1,487.
Betsy Damron, Grantor, to William Adkins, Oct. 14, 1837, Int. 120 Ac. Hurricane Cr.
John Damron, Grantor, to William Ratliff, Aug. 14, 1840, 50 Ac. Marrowbone Cr.B 148.
John Damron, Grantor, to Thomas P. May, Apr. 8,1845, 15 Ac. Little Cr., B, 400.
Sarah and Spurlock Damron, to Lewis Trout, Nov. 5,1847, Int. Chr. Trout Est. C 180.
John and Nancy Damron to John Kinney, Sept. 28,1849, Caney Cr., C 291.
" " " to John Vanover, Sept. 30, 1849, 50 ac. Caney Cr., C, 294.
" " " David Branham, Jan. 31, 1849, 50 Ac. Caney Cr. C, 297.
" " " Abraham Branham, Jr. Sept. 27, 1849, 50 Ac. Caney Cr. C, 301.
" " " Henry Newsome, Sept. 27, 1849, 50 Ac. Caney Cr. C, 301.
" " " Sally Robinson, Feb. 6, 1849, Caney Cr. C, 302. 15 acres.
Elizabeth Damron,Grantor, to Elisha Damron, Dec. 31, 1849, 25 ac. Caney Cr. C 320
Jane and Lazarus Damron, to Elisha Adkins, Oct. 28, 1849, Tract. Hurricane Cr. C 360

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, WILLS: Elisha Damron, p. 93, B; James, 128 B; J.M.J. C 300, 1928.

Will of Elisha Damron: To wife Sally all read estate and personal property and at death be divided among lawful heirs. Son W.G. Damron, Executor. ELISHA X DAMRON, April, 1875. Witness: John May, James P. Marrs.

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" " " " Geo. N. Brown, Oct. 3,1857, lot Pikeville, D. 409
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PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, MARRIAGES:

1836 Damron Spurlock to Sarah Trout.
1839 " Lazras to Jane May.
1845 " E. Elisha to Sarah Elswick.
1846 " Lazarus to Rebecca Ratliff.
1847 " William to Rutha Ramsey.
1848 " Jackson to Spicy Roberts
1848 " Solomon to Frances Sword
1854 " William to Elizabeth Branham
1835, Abram to Sarah Branham.

1836 James Damron to Polly Adkins
1837 Moses " Charity Adkins
1853 Abraham " Pricy Roberts
1855 Harvey " Mary A. Maynard
1857 John W. Elizabeth McCowan
1857 Spurlock " Merrinda Roberts
1859 Robert " Rebecca Damron
1860 William M. " Elizabeth Branham.
(given above under a different date.)

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEEDS, Grantee index, only earliest were copied:

Moses Damron, Grantee, from John Damron, Grantor, Sept. 29, 1821, 25 ac.Shelby Cr. Book A, p. 14.
Samuel Damron, Grantee, from John Dean, June. 5, 1830, 150 Ac. Bushy Cr. A, 1, 167.
Lazarus Damron, Grantee, from James Damron and wife, Oct. 4, 1842, 75 ac. Hurricane Cr.
Spurlock Damron, from Lewis Trout, Mr. 6,1847, 200 Ac. Hurricane Cr. C 160.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, LAW ORDERS: Book A, p. 107: Report of a road as viewed and marked from Moses Damrons oldplace to the seat of justice at Elijah Adkins is received by the court and William Ratliff Senr. Superintendent from the County seat at Elijah Adkins to Moses Damrons old place and that he call on William Gannon Daniel Gannon William Ferguson John Justice Harriman Magee for hands James Branham Cornelius Roberts Thomas Johnson Samuel Hall Isham Mullins and Thomas Hammelton and also William Mays Surveyor and their hands to assist him to open the same according to law cut smooth fifteen feet and dig six feet where diging is necessary and report June Court according to law."

THE DESCENDANTS OF LAZARUS DAMRON IN WEST VIRGINIA

By Luther F. Damron

LAZARUS DAMRON, the Revolutionary War hero and Indian Scout, was a son of Moses of Albemarle County, Virginia, where he was born. In order to have been the active hero that he was during the Revolutionary War, he must have been born in 1755, plus or minus a few years. After the war, he lived in Russell County, Virginia, and subsequently moved to Floyd County, Kentucky. A deed executed by him and his wife shows her name as Nancy, but it is believed that her name was Nairy McInery. This given name was popular in the second and third generation of his descendants. In later years he gave testimony as a witness in a trial in Floyd County,Kentucky, in which he testified that he settled in that county in 1804. It is believed that he had six sons, three of whom settled and remained in Kentucky (and whose names are unknown to this writer), and some time in the 1820's the other three settled in what is now Wayne County, West Va. It is with this latter three and their descendants that the writer is familiar. Their names were Moses, Samuel and George. This is not necessarily the order of their birth.

1. SAMUEL, settled on the left fork of Twelve Pole Creek in Wayne County and was the father of George W. Damron (and others). His son George W. was the father of Judge James Damron and William Damron. This Samuel never lived at Fort Gay, or Cassville, as it was then called.

2. GEORGE, settled in the place where the village of Dunlow now stands. This is on the main branch of Twelve Pole Creek. I am not personally familiar with his descendants, but believe it would be comparatively easy to check some of them.

3. MOSES, the other son settling in Wayne County is my own ancestor. He and his brothers were most likely born in Russell County, Virginia, and accompanied their father, Lazarus, to Floyd County, Kentucky, in 1804. Moses married Polly Preston there on March 28, 1811. They had at least three sons, Samuel, Lazarus and John. These three later made their homes at Cassville (Now Fort Gay), West Va. My father, Arnold, knew all three of them, and some of the children of each of them.

Moses settled about five miles farther up Twelve Pole Creek from his brother, George, and about the place where Cabwaylingo State Park is today. Either prior or subsequent to coming to Wayne County, sometime in the1820's, he became a widower, and took as his second wife Rhoda Sadler. They had sons: George, Thomas, Elisha, William, David, Wash., and Richard. Also prior or subsequent to coming to Wayne County, Moses may have spent some time in the West. At least several of his sons did. George and Thomas both spent some time in Arkansas. They may have gone there with their father (improbable) or they may have gone as a result of experiences related to them by him.

(1) SAMUEL, was the oldest of the children of above Moses and Polly. He was born March 18, 1812, died May 25, 1905. He was married three times. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Vashtie Jarrell, he had at least two sons, Moses and James. (This Moses was the father of Fillmore Damron, who was known to the writer. Samuel by his second wife, Caudice (Visey-Dicey) Copley had three sons: the oldest was Wayne, the next Lafayette, and the youngest was Jamison (Jemmison). My father thinks they also had four daughters but he does not remember their names. My father does not remember the name of the third wife of Samuel but thinks it was Mary. From others we learn it was Mary Newman or Luman.

(2) LAZARUS, son of Moses and Polly, had at least one son, Zeke (Ezekiel), known to my father. He may have had other children.

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(3) JOHN, the other son of Moses and Polly, settlingin the vicinity of Cassville (now Fort Gay), had at least twp sons: John (Long John) and Matthew. These two were known to the writer, personally. Matthew married Lydia Herald and they left quite a large family, most of whom, I believe are still living: Jamison, Lafayette, William (killed in World War I), Wayne, Anderson, and probably one or two more boys, in addition to several girls.

It should be noted that these sons of Moses all lived in the vicinity of Fort Gay and that this Samuel is the only one of that name who did live there. The other Samuel, who settled on the left fork of Twelve Pole, was a brother to his father, Moses.

(4) RICHARD, son of Moses and Rhoda, was born 1830, died 1906. He lived all his life at the place where his father settled. The cabin built by his father, Moses, was the first ever built on Twelve Pole Creek. Lazarus, the father of Moses, may have made trips to Wayne County before and after his three sons settled there, but if he ever lived there my father has no knowledge of it.

Richard married Nancy Harcum and they had three sons: John, 1856-1951, George born 1865, and Arnold, my father, born 1868. Both George and Arnold are still living. The daughters of Richard and Nancy were: Bethany, Allie, Hulda, Nairy, and Vashtie. Aunt Nairy was the last survivor of the girls. She died in 1952.

i. JOHN, the oldest son of Richard and Nancy, had three sons: (1) Wayne, prominent in politics and business in Southern West Virginia; associated for a number of years with Dr. Henry D. Hatfield (ex-governor of West Va.) in the ownership of hospitals. Wayne had two daughters, no sons: (2) Richard, in insurance business near Huntington, has one son and one daughter; (3) George, died about 1924, leaving widow (Clytie) and one son, now living in Roanoke, Va.

ii. GEORGE, second son of Richard and Nancy, has two sons: George, lives in Detroit; John, lives in Ohio.

iii. ARNOLD, youngest of the sons, married Ida Finley. They had five boys and one girl: Della, Henry, Walter, Luther F., Millard C., and Bernard. Henry and Bernard are dead. Della, who married Charles Mahone of Virginia, has no children. Walter, who married Vesta White of Mingo County, has one son. Millard, who married Ruth Brown of Mingo County, has five young sons, together with my father and mother live on Twelve Pole Creek near the early settlements of Moses.

My mother's mother was Mary Virginia (Polly) Kirk, daughter of Joseph Kirk, Yankee captain in the Civil War. His son, James, served under him as a private. After the War, James lived at Inez, Ky. Andy, another son of Joseph, for the last several years of his life was an attorney at either Pikeville or Prestonburg, Ky. (I believe the latter). As judge and attorney he had interesting experiences with the Hatfield-McCoy feuders. My mother's father was George Washington Finley, son of James Finley, who also lived all his life on the left fork of Twelve Pole Creek, near where Samuel Damron, son of Lazarus the Indian scout, lived.

There is a tradition among those of my father's generation, and I have heard it from ones senior to him by several years, that Lazarus (the Indian scout) and his sons came from Virginia, and they were the only ones of the Damron name to settle in the mountains of Kentucky and West Virginia. Tradition in the early days of that mountain country carried a lot of weight. Most always, it replaced Bureaus of Vital Statistics, and often many other official records. Court records and various official registers of Floyd and Pike Counties also make mention of a Richard Damron, a James, and a Joseph, in addition to Samuel and Moses, whom we know to have later settled on the two Twelve Pole Creeks in Wayne Co., W.Va.

MOSES DAMRON OF TWELVE POLE CREEK, WEST VIRGINIA

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON m. Dorothy ____, lived in Northumberland Co., Va. 1652.
II. GEORGE m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, and inherited father's estate.
III. LAZARUS m. Elizabeth Smith, d. 1749 Albemarle County, Va.
IV. MOSES, who inherited his father's estate on Damron Creek and Red Bank, Albemarle County, Va. His sons were: Moses, Lazarus, Richard, probably Capt. John.
V. LAZARUS, Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier of Russell Co., Va. He was in Floyd Co., Ky. 1804, settling near Boldman, then moved to Twelve Pole Creek where he built the first cabin. The Court Orders of Cabell Co., W.Va. 1814-1820, have an item: "Tue. 22, Sept. 1818, Book 1, p.305: Ordered that Stephen Marchum be appointed overseer of the road leading from the mouth of Lick Creek Branch to Josiah Marcums and that ___ Williams William Astrip Benj. Serry James Wileman Samuel Webb Joseph Robertson LAZARUS DAMREL RICHARD DAMREL William Brumley William Cox Ambrose Watts James Vincent Elijah Donathan Vanswearingin John Nivens Joseph Nivens Jacob Marcum John Marcum James Bale Robert Ball & Josiah Marcum do aid and assist him in keeping the same in repair." (Note: Damrel was a common spelling for Dameron in the early days.) Wayne was formed from Cabell County.

I. MOSES, son of Lazarus. Moses Dameron married Polly Preston March 28, 1811, in Floyd Co., Ky. minister R. Haws (1,15,304). Moses owned a great deal of land on Twelve Pole Creek, Wayne Co., W.Va. Arnold Damron of Dunlow, W. Va. told A.A. that his father Richard married Nancy Marcum and his grandfather Moses married Rody Sadler, his greatgrandfather Lazarus's wife he did not know. He said: "Samuel Damron and Lazarus Damron of Ft. Gay were children of Lazarus' first wife and half brothers to my father. I think the mother of Sam and Lazarus was ____ Preston. My father's own brothers were George, Tom, Lice, Bill, Dave and Wash. My greatgrandfather never came to W. Va.--came to Va. and settled in Va. My grandfather Moses lived about two miles from my place here on Twelve Pole Creek. He had about 1,000 acres and when old went to Arkansas and lived about fifty miles from Little Rock. Great-grandfather's children--three settled in Pike Co., Ky. and three in Wayne Co., W.Va. I belong to the Wayne Co. group. It was all Virginia at that time. The Damrons were mostly Baptist."

Arnold's son, Luther F. Damron, of 2409 Hirst Terrace, Havertown,Penna., wrote Nov. 20, 1954: "The little part of the Damron history that I know I believe to be quite authentic, as it has been told to me numerous times not only by my father and his two older brothers, George and John, but by numerous other old settlers I knew there some forty years ago, most of whom at that time were in their seventies. Their stories coincide remarkably well with your own "Descendants of Lazarus Damron" and it goes about as follows:

"Lazarus Damron came to this country (Ft. Gay-Louisa area) from Virginia. He had several sons, some of whom settled in Kentucky, the others in Wayne County (or what is now Wayne County, West Va..) One of the sons settling on Twelve Pole Creek with him was Moses. Moses had several sons, among whom were George, Thomas, Elisha, William, David, Washington, and Richard. Richard married Nancy Marcum and they had three sons and several daughters. John, the oldest son was born 1856, George 1865, and Arnold, my father, born 1868. The latter two are still living. Moses, the son of Lazarus and father of Richard, married Rhoda Kerr. Of grandfather Richard's brothers I know that George and Tom spent some time in the West. Tom returned to Wayne County from Arkansas (I believe) where he had killed someone in a duel. He in turn was followed to Wayne County and killed. This Tom wore his hair long in a style later made famous by Buffalo Bill."

The letter of L.F. Damron also states: "I would like to point out that most all the early settlers of that particular region (the mountain areas of Kentucky and West Va.) came there from Old Virginia as hunters and trappers. (Quite likely they were encouraged in this by the Virginia Gov't as they formed an outpost against the Indians and the French.) There were plenty of beaver, otter, and other fur-bearing animals, as well as game for food. This game, plus a few domestic animals, the vegetable gardens and corn patches around their cabin furnished about all they needed for subsistence. However, they did have to import salt, powder and shot, and such other manufactured products as they could afford. Communication with the East, across the mountains, was too difficult. Thus, for the most part they turned to the Ohio River and the South. Boats came up the Ohio and the Big Sandy Rivers to Fort Gay and Louisa. These settlements were the trading centers for settlers of the near-by counties in the two states.

"Of grandfather Richard's brothers I know that George and Tom spent some time in the West. Tom returned to Wayne County from Arkansas (I believe) where he had killed someone in a duel. He in turn was followed to Wayne County and killed. This Tom wore his hair long in a style later made famous by Buffalo Bill.

"There was a Samuel Damron who survived the Civil War (a rebel). He was a cousin of my grandfather Richard. Therefore his father would have been another son of Lazarus and brother of Moses. A couple interesting stories of this Samuel impress themselves on my mind. One was that a fellow soldier beside him in battle was shot in such a manner as to provoke an immediate outburst of laughter from Samuel. Ever after he was known as 'Tee-hee' Bam Damron. Another story is that right after the Civil War he disappeared for a couple years. In that time he had gone to Arkansas and exacted retribution for the murder of his cousin Tom.

"When I was a boy there were quite a few other Damrons in that area, all distant cousins of Dad's, and senior to him by 10to 20 years. To mention but a few, there was a Matthew Damron who married Lydia, also a Damron; another Richard, another John, and a Fillmore. These people were probably second cousins of grandfather Richard.

"One thing seems true, that the old timers at least were quite a prolific people and begot children rather late in life. I am impressed with the fact that I had a brother born 1919, and our grandfather Richard 89 years before. Dad at 86 has a grandson less than a year old, and his brother John had children after he was 60 years old."

On Jan. 18, 1955, he wrote: "Fortunately my father notonly knew Rediford's grandfather Samuel, but knew many of his children, and as you will note we are related through the Caudice Copley Damron on the Marcum side... Those records up to 1816 mention, in addition to Lazarus, Richard, James, John, Moses, Joseph and Richard, Jr. (The latter we can assume to be a son of the other Richard and grandson of Lazarus.) We can add to this list Samuel and George whom we know to be sons of Lazarus and settled with their brother Moses in Wayne Co., W.Va. Thus we have seven who may have been sons of Lazarus."... Wayne, the son of my father's brother, John, lives in Huntington and is seventy years old. I expect to send him what information I have... When I was about twenty years old, Wayne and I were in business together in Huntington for a short time."

On Dec. 27, he wrote: "We have three daughters, one Mary L. (youngest), is twenty-five, married, lives in Arlington, Va., has a son 7 monthsold. Marjorie, 27, lives near us, has two sons and a daughter, six, four, and one. Miriam, 30, teaches school nearby, but this year is teaching in England, for the one year only. We greatly missed her at Christmas. I have a good looking family, and must try to find a picture to send you...Most of the Damrons I have known have dark brown hair and eyes, though out of every family of four or five children, some will have blue eyes, and most all have blond hair when young. Four out of five boys in our family had blond hair when young...one has gray eyes, two blue, one brother and myself have dark brown ones. Six feet is about the average height (I am 6'2".) I used to have offices in New York. I left W.Va. in 1927, lived in Pittsburgh a couple years..."

JOSIAH SILAS MARCUM

By Luther F. Damron

Referring to the letter of Retta D. Hatfield, 139 S. 20th Ave., Maywood, Ill. L.F. Damron wrote: "Apparently her grandfather was Samuel, son of Moses and Polly Damron, and he was a half-brother (senior by 18 years) of my grandfather, Richard. Her grandfather lived at Cassville (now Fort Gay, W.Va.). The other Samuel, brother of Moses and son of Lazarus, the Indian Scout, lived on the left fork of Twelve Pole Creek, and never lived at Fort Gay--Cassville. The mother of her grandmother, Caudice (Visey-Dicey) Copley was Rebecca. This Rebecca, whose maiden name was Kerr, married a Sadler first, and was left a widow with one daughter, Rhoda. It is believed that all three were born in Scotland. Steve Marcum, a brother of father's grandfather Jacob Marcum, married the widow, Rebecca, and my father's grandfather Moses Damron (also her great-grandfather)married the girl, Rhoda. Both Steven (Stephen) and Jacob were sons of Josiah Silas Marcum, a Revolutionary War soldier who was buried inWayne Co., W. Va.

"Josiah's son Jacob was the father of Nancy, my father's mother. He also had several other children, including daughters Bethany and Betty., and a son Jacob. Josiah's son Stephen had a son named Stephen who was the father of John S. Marcum, one of the most distinguished attorneys ever to practice in Southern West Va., and a son William who was a county judge in Wayne County. My father thinks that the father of Josiah Silas Marcum was Silas who changed his name from MacDonald to Marcum. This Silas MacDonald is supposed to have lived with a family by the name of Marcum (probably reared by them), and adopted their name."

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Mrs. Hatfield wrote as follows; to Mrs. Pearce, who said she was born and reared in Illinois near Franklin Co. May 10, 1951: "My grandpa Samuel was born in 1814 in Virginia. Hisfather's name was Moses; he was married twice. Grandfather's mother was a Herald. Shortly after hearing from the Rev. Mr. Dameron I moved from Williamson to Chicago with my only child and her three children. My daughter died two years ago last January. The older grandson is married and has two little girls. I still have a granddaughter and one grandson with me. In three weeks I will be seventy years old, but like all Damrons I ever knew, I still feel young and never find time for all the things I want to do. I remember my grandfather, Samuel, saying (he was eight years old when his father Moses brought him to the Western part of Va. in 1821) that they had lingered awhile in Russell Co., Va. Grandfather had a brother John--there seems always to be a William--many Georges. One of my great-greats married Nairy or Narra McInerary in Va. 1833 or so. I think the name George is for Washington. Grandfather had a cousin G. Washington. He had a son George W. I just recall that at Williamson there was a young girl named Agnes Thompson, whose mother was Edna Thompson (a Damron). The girl died, but she has a brother Woodrow Thompson still there, and a sister of Judge James Dameron m. an Elkins, a railroad conductor."

In a questionnaire she filled out Mrs. Hatfield wrote that the father of Samuel b. in Va. 1814 was Moses or Lazarus, and said "Judge James Dameron deceased was son of George Washington Dameron, Wayne Co., W.Va. Moses Dameron m. a Miss Herald around 1800 perhaps Russell. She was his second wife, her father's name was unknown and she did not know of any Heralds alive. Samuel named his children Nancy, Vinson, Moses, Jennie, Lisbeth, Thursa, James, Wayne, Mary Anne, Lafayette, Jameson (my father), Florence."

In a letter of Oct. 1952, she said that Samuel came to Wayne Co. 1821. "Grandfather had a brother John, a Tom, and William (who told tall tales). Tom and William went West when young, Texas most of the time..." She said one of her grandfather's sisters married a Preston, from Ky.."Josiah Marcum, properly Markham, was a Rev. soldier, born 5/2/1759 at Chesterfield Co., Va. d. 1852, pension Sur. File No. 8999. The DAR found Josiah Marcum's grave...A cousin has my grandfather's Bible,and I can't locate him.

THE DAMERONS OF WAYNE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

The Wayne County, W.Va.records show the following items, as traced by Alimae Aiken:

THOMAS DAMERON, deed fm.Richard Dameron, 1848, 50 acres on Twelve Pole Creek. fm.John Bromley, 1850, 80 acres, Crane's Nest Br. of Twelve Pole Creek; Richard Dameron and Elizabeth to Thomas Dameron, 1848, 50 acres, Main Fork, Twelve Pole. Other items list Polly and Thomas Dameron, and deed from James to Thomas,1870 ca.

RICHARD DAMERON: Deed fm.Wm. Noe, al. 1827, 30 acres, R. Fork of Twelve Pole Cr.
Richard, Jr.from Thomas J. Buffington, 1843, 9o acres, R. Fork, Twelve Pole;
Elizabeth and Richard Damron to James Fry 1842, 180 ac. L. Fork, Twelve Pole.
Richard, al, to Samuel Porter, 1844, 50 ac. R. Fork, Twelve Pole.
Richard to Thomas Preston, 1845, 85 acres, R. Fk. Twelve Pole.
Richard to Kelly Ferguson, 1848, 115 acres, Turkey Br.
Richard to Samuel Dameron, 1848, Main Fk. Twelve Pole. See Law Orders, p. 114 also.

WILLIAM DAMERON: Deed from George Dameron, al, 1860, 345 ac. R. Fork, Twelve Pole. After 1849 to 1954 is listed deed from Elizabeth and William D. to Lazarus D.

SAMUEL DAMERON: deed from John Wellman, al, 1843, 50 acres, L. Fk. Twelve Pole.
Samuel D. Sr. from John Wellman, 1843, 50 acres, Twelve Pole R.
Samuel, Jr. from John Spence, al, 1844, 200 acres, R. Fork, Twelve Pole.
Samuel to Richard Dameron, 1848, 140 Acres, Rt. Fork,Twelve Pole River.
Samuel from Mary Adkins, al. 1858, 370 acres, Williams Creek.
Samuel, Jr. from John Bromley, al, 1866, 110 acres, Mill Creek.
Samuel from P.C. Buffington, 1868, 40 acres, Hawk Cliff.
Samuel from James Copley, al, 1868, 15 Acres, R.Fk. Twelve Pole.
Samuel from James Copley, al, 1868, R.F. Twelve Pole.
Samuel from Lazarus G. Damron, al, 1868, tracts R. Fork, Twelve Pole.
Sally and Samuel Damron, deed to Wyett Adkins, 1843, 50 acres, Twelve Pole Creek.
Sarah and Samuel Damron to Arnold Perry, 1845, 50 acres, L. Fork, Twelve Pole.
Sarah and Samuel Damron to Car Lowe, 1845, parcel.
Samuel, Sr. to Owen Adkins, 1846, 70 acres, Twelve Pole Cr.
Sally and Samuel, Sr. to Ira Copley, 1846,98 acres, L. Fork, Twelve Pole.
Samuel to Daniel Mathis, 1847, parcel, Rich Creek.
Samuel and Sally Damron to Job Spence, 1842-3, 300 acres, R.Fk. Twelve Pole R.
Samuel Damron to Wm. Crim, al, 1847, 600 acres, Cairs Cr.
Samuel Damron to David Crum, 1848, between Twelve Pole and Moses Fk. Cr.
Other items from 1849 to 1954 for Samuel, Sr. Law Orders, filed under Commissioners' Records, Book 1, show Samuel Damron had Order of allowance, p. 390. Book 2, Samuel D. al, p. 350

JOHN DAMRON: Deed from P.C. Buffington, al, 1870, 50 acres, R. Fork, Twelve Pole.
John S. Damron from P.C. Buffington, et. al, 1870, 50 acres, Mill Creek.
John Damron to Wilson Damron, 1872. Book 3, Wills, has John D. p. 319

JAMES DAMRON: Deed after 1870 to Thomas Damron; also James W. Damron to Edward Damron. Book 2, Commissioners' Records, has J.W. Damron, guarantee order to refund taxes, p. 2. Book 2, guar order to refund taxes p. 3.

GEORGE DAMRON, and Sarah, deed to James Romans, 1843, 50 acres, R.F. Twelve Pole.
George deeds to Lazarus Damron, 1849, 70 acres, Loss Creek. Geo. & Sary,1844.

OTHER DAMRON ITEMS LISTED, after 1870: Moses, Jr., M.D., Moses, Elizabeth, Nancy and John; Moses, James W., John, J.W., James W. Mary, Edward, David C. Wayne, Ruben G., Rhoda, Lazarus G., Ezekial, Samuel Jr. Sarah A, Wilson (1872.) Polly Ann and Wilson, 1867.

WAYNE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, DEEDS (21 pages in index to deeds):

Lazareth Damron, Grantee, from George Damron, 1849, B, p. 212, 70 ac. on Lost Creek.
Mary and Lazarus Damron, al, Grantees, from David Crum Est. by S.C. al,1858,
her share, 80 acres Moses Creek, Div. Deed, Book E, p. 318.
Lazarus G. Damron, Grantee, from William Damron, al, 1868, R.F. Twelve Pole,H 68.
Lazarus Damron, Grantee, from William Damron, al, 1868, 20 Tracts R. Fk. Twelve Pl.

Grantors from 1849 to 1954 include items for Mary and Lazarus, Mary and Lazarus G., Mary and L.G., Lazarus G. to Samuel Damron, Polly Ann and Wilson 1867 etc.

Moses Damron, Grantee, from Martin Law, 1861, 35 Ac. R. Fk. Twelve Pole Cr. I,579.
Moses Damron, " from Catherine Adkins, al, 1867, parcel, Twelve Pole, H 217.
Moses Damron " " " " al 1867, Parcel Twelve Pole, I, 358.
Listed after 1870, Moses, Jr. M.D., Moses, Grantees, Moses,Grantor.

George and Sary Damron, Grantors, to George Mainard, 1844, 50 Ac. R.Fk. Twelve Pole.

WAYNE, WAYNE COUNTY, W. VA. LAW ORDERS, FILED UNDER COMMISSIONER'S RECORDS, BOOK I:

Damron, David C. allowed $4.40 for services rendered as witness,1878, p. 40,239.
" R.G. allowance, p. 54.
" Lazarus, allowed $6.00 for services rendered as com. of elections at Spruce Lick.
" Richard, al, p. 114.
" Daniel, Tax Release, 232.
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" Samuel, Order of Allowance, 390.
" Wayne, al. p. 399.
" Marion appt. committee for J. Damron, p. 417.
" L. appt. overseer of poor of 4th Dist. p. 433.

BOOK TWO:
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" Lazarus all, p. 165, 168.
" L. all, p. 169, 170.
" D.C. all p. 238.
" D.C. and others, appt. road viewers, p. 242.
" D.C. all, p. 3.
" J.W. Guar. order to refund taxes, p. 3.
" L.G. & C. appt. viewers of road, 48.
" W.B. all, p. 71.
" D.C., all, p. 291.
" D.C. & others make report, 310.
" D.C. gave hand as N.P. 324.
" Moses, Tax release, p. 326,358.
" Samuel, all, p. 350.
" Wm. Tax release, 352.
" Wm. appt. adm. 464.

BOOK THREE:
Damron, Rosa, Will probated, p. 130.
" M. F. Qualified as Dept. Sheriff, 251.
" John, all, 319.
" T. M. N.P. bond, 356.

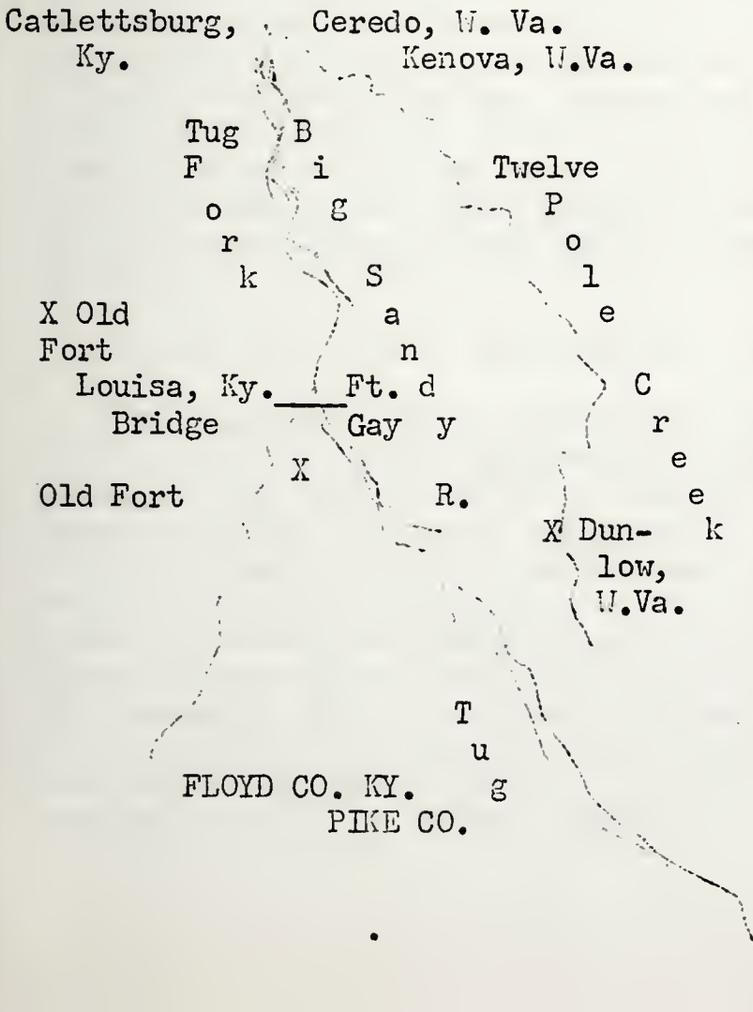
(Note by Alimae Aiken: I am told that the oldest Damron now living in Wayne is Jay about 55 yrs.,uncle Lindsey's boy. Rex Damron is the only one listed in the Wayne (town) phone directory.)

THE DAMRONS OF FT. GAY, W. VA., AND LOUISA, KY.

"A bridge across Big Sandy River connects Kentucky and West Virginia. Louisa, Ky., Laurence Co. is at one end and Fort Gay (formerly Cassville), W.Va. at the other. The Big Sandy by some freak of nature flows north, I am told. The bridge is at a point where the Tug Fork, which I presume is a fork of Big Sandy, and the Levisa River meet. An old fort was once between these two rivers near the present bridge. It was first called Vancouver's Fort but for many years has been called Ft. Gay. It received its name because of the gay life at the fort. It was built of logs. Maybe the Indian Scout, Lazarus Damron, who went from Russell Co., Va. to Floyd Co. Ky and then perhaps to W. Va. had something to do with this fort. Long ago also another fort stood on the hill at the western boundary of Louisa. Mr. Scalf of Prestonburg, Floyd Co., did not mention Lazarus in connection with these forts but seemed to think that perhaps he lived around Ceredo or Kenova, very early settlements of W. Va.

"I am told that Joshua Fry, surveyor for the governor of Virginia, at his request did some surveying in this Ky. and W. Va. district and perhaps had built the old log fort. I have not verified the authority of this statement by further research. Fry was a native of Albemarle Co., Va. where he owned much land and he and Peter Jefferson produced maps of the Albemarle section as well as other districts of Va., Md. and Pa. Some are in the University of Virginia library.

"Monument inscription of Louisa, Ky. at end of the bridge:'On the point 200 feet east of this spot in the spring of 1789 was erected the first settlement in this section known as Vancouver's Fort. Charles Vancouver was granted 15,000 acres on Dec. 17, 1788, by Governor Beverly Randolph of Virginia. He and his men cleared land, built the fort and planted a crop. A year later they were driven out by the Indians. Erected by the Louisa Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.'



M. L. Branham, Ft. Gay, W.Va. age about eighty said: "There were three brothers, Lazarus and Samuel lived in Ft. Gay and Moses lived on Twelve Pole Creek. I presume old Lazarus was a brother to old Sam and Moses. Old Lazarus died at Ft. Gay, and he lived close to Louisa bridge. Old Sam had sons, Jemmison and Wayne. Jemmison's sons were Wayne and Lot. Wayne and maybe Lot went to Catlettsburg. Big Wayne was Lazarus' son. Moses' sons were Edd, Tom, Gid, Sam, John, Vince, Floyd, Wayne. They were all Baptists but the Damrons today belong to many churches. Go to see Mrs. John Damron, Louisa, Highbottom community; Moses Damron, grandson of old Moses, Radnor, W.Va.; Neibert Damron, Glen Hayes, W.Va., Bert Damron, Radnor, W.Va. and Lucian of Radnor."

Mr. Bill Reed of Fort Gay, W. Va., age about seventy said: "I remember the three brothers, Sam, Lazarus and Moses Damron here at Fort Gay. They were old men when I was a boy. Uncle Sam married my great aunt. She was his last wife and they had no children. He had been married twice before. She had considerable property. Sam had three boys--I think they were by his second wife--Wayne, Jamison and Lazarus. Wayne and Jamison went to Catlettsburg where Wayne had a saloon. He was a good man. He was called 'Big Wayne.' The three brothers, Sam, Lazarus and Moses all lived in Wayne County on Twelve Pole Creek and Sam was Squire (Justice of the Peace) there. Uncle Sam and Lazarus moved to Fort Gay but Moses stayed on Twelve Pole and had a large family. He had 1,000 acres or more. Lazarus was a shoemaker and had a shop in his home here at Fort Gay. He would half sole a pair of boots or shoes, furnish the leather and put in wooden pegs--at a charge of twenty five cents a pair. His home and shop was only a few feet from Uncle Sam's home here at Fort Gay but his first home was very near my home here in Fort Gay and it was a flat boat which had been remodelled and added to. Uncle Sam was a tall man of six feet two inches and he always wore boots. He would amuse us children by jumping high into the air, smacking his boots together twice before he hit the ground. He worked some as a blacksmith. The Damrons lived well, had fine gardens, plenty of food and often entertained the minister. I do not remember the children of Lazarus and Moses. Lazarus is buried in old Wellman cemetery and Uncle Sam in the private cemetery belonging to my family, a few miles from his home."

"Mr. Reed took me to little, old Wellman cemetery but Lazarus' grave was not marked. There were very few tombs, no Damron ones. The cemetery consisted mostly of sunken holes. At the other cemetery Sam Damron's tomb is quite readable. It is inscribed Samuel Damron, born Mar. 18th, 1812, died May 25, 1905. His wife's tomb (last wife) Mary Damron, 1822-1908. See photos I took, also home of Samuel. The home of Lazarus is not standing.

"Mr. Byron Reed, older brother to Bill, age about eighty or more, of Ft. Gay told me: 'My memory is not as good as Bill's but I recall something about the Damrons here at Ft. Gay. Lazarus and Sam lived close together and Laz. had a shoe shop in his home. Laz. had a son Ezekiel. There was one called 'Lying Bill.' I don't know whose son he was. Lazarus was younger than Sam. Sam was born in 1812. Moses was Sam's son but he could have had a brother Moses. Sam lived in Catlettsbur a while, moved to Ft. Gay, then to Catlettsburg again, and then back to Ft. Gay. Sam's children by his first wife were Moses, Jim and Polly and children by second wife were Jemmerson, Lot and Wayne. There were no children by the third wife. Sam and Laz. were Primitive Baptists. Laz's daughter Lizzie married a Roberson.'

"Mr. Reed's sister, older than he, lives at 36 S. St., Charleston, W.Va.

"Mr. Reynolds Frazier, Mayor of Ft. Gay, about eighty-six years old, said: 'I knew the Damrons here in Ft. Gay. Lazarus was a shoemaker. He did not have the wealth of Sam. Lazarus lived in a house owned by Sam. They were all Baptist and Moses on Twelve Pole Creek was strict Primitive Baptist. Moses owned a great deal of land on Twelve Pole. He was married twice. Lazarus' son of Ft. Gay was a shoe maker also. His name was Ezekiel. He was an only son. Lazarus' daughter Lizzie married John Roberson and another (I can't think of her name) married Tom Kimball. Moses had several sons but I can only think of one--Tom. Sam's sons were Wayne and Jemmerson. Mrs. Sara Elizabeth Damron Reynolds of Kanova, W.Va. 84 years old is a daughter of Jemmerson. Young Mose Damron on Mill Creek, about fifty years or more should tell you a great deal, address Ft. Gay, Route 2, grandson of Moses. Lazarus is buried in Wellman cemetery.'

THE LAST WILL OF ROSA M. DAMRON

Wayne County Court, Floyd Co., Ky. In vacation January 30th, 1888: "This day a writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Rosa M. Damron decd. was produced to the undersigned clerk in vacation by Ezekiel Damron and thereupon came H. H. Hammond and S.V. Crumb two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and after being duly sworn according to law proved said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of the said Rosa M. Damron, decd. It is therefore ordered that said writing to be the same and is hereby admitted to probate as and for the last will and testament of the said Rosa M. Damron, decd. Given under my hand this 30th day of January, 1888, CHAPMAN FRY, Clerk, Wayne County Court."

"In the name of God Amen. I ROSE M. DAMRON of the Town of Casville in the County of Wayne and State of West Virginia being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this last will and testament as to my worldly estate and all the property real and personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and posessed to which I shall be entitled at the time of my death I devise bequeath and dispose there of in the manner following to wit having faith and the utmost confidence in my beloved husband Ezekiel Damron that he will protect provide for support maintain and educate my children viz: Bascom, Rebecca, Pembroke and Luther, all of whom being young and of tender years and for the love and affection I have for my husband and desiring him to enjoy fully all my property the better to enable him to care for maintain and educate my said children I therefore for the reasons aforesaid give bequeath and devise to my beloved husband Ezekiel Damron all my real estate lying and being in the County of Floyd and State of Kentucky being all the lands in said county and state of which I shall die seized or possesed or to which I may be entitled at my decease to his sole use absolutely forever not meaning or desiring hereby to create in my children or any of them any estate in the aforesaid real estate whatever either present or contingent hereby fuly empowering my said husband Ezekiel Damron to sell and convey all my real estate aforesaid by an absolute conveyance and to use the control the money realized from the sale thereof free from any and all claims of my aforesaid children or anybody else whatsoever. In testimony whereof I the said Rosa M. Damron have to this my last will and testament contained on one sheet of paper subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 11th day of January AD 1888, ROSA M. DAMRON.

"Signed, sealed and declared and published by the said Rosa M. Damron as and for her last will and testament in presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. H. A. HAMMOND, E. V. CRUM, WILL WELLMAN, all residing at Cassville, Wayne County, W.Va."

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WAYNE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS, BOOK A:

LAZARUS DAMRON, JAMES L. TIRNAN vs. A. I. FRY AND OTHERS: DEBT. "This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant demures generally to the plffs."Declaration in which the plff joined and this cause is continued until the next term, 1849.

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LAZARUS G. DAMRON vs. JESSE ADKINS, OWEN ADKINS: DEBT. "The judgments obtained at rules not having been set aside and the plaintiff being entitled to a final judgment, it is therefore considered that the plaintiff recover against the defendants the sum of ninety eight dollars and fifty cents the debt in the declaration mentioned with interests untill paid and his costs by him about his suit in this behalf expended and the defendants in mercy, etc."

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DAMRON, DAVID G. vs. PORROT, WILSON, p. 139, Book BA. DAMERON,GEORGE vs. JESSE ADKINS, OWEN ADKINS: DEBTS: Plaintiff to "recover against the defendants the sum of one hundred and forty dollars" from 30th March, 1849 until paid. BA,195.

THE SAMUEL DAMRON FAMILY OF TWELVE POLE CREEK, WEST VIRGINIA

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who was in Northumberland County, Va. by 1652, wife Dorothy.
II. GEORGE, d. 1689, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, inherited Guarding Point.
III. LAZARUS, d. 1749, in Albemarle County, Va. m. Elizabeth Smith. Three of his sons had descendants, John, George and Moses.
IV. MOSES, inherited his father's estate at Damron Creek, Albemarle County, Va.
V. LAZARUS a noted Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier, who was in RussellCo., Va. after the Revolution, and moved from there to Kentucky. Three of his sons were Moses of Twelve Pole Creek, W.Va., George, of Dunlow, W.Va., and Samuel.
VI. SAMUEL, son of Lazarus, settled on the left fork of Twelve Pole Creek in Wayne County, W.Va., at Tick Ridge. Wayne was formed from Cabell County, and we find in the records a deed to Samuel Dameron from Thos. Hays, 1830, B. 4, p. 586, for 50 acres on Twelve Pole Creek. Another deed to Samuel from Richard Willison et. al. 1832, B. 5, p. 53, was on the Right Fork of Twelve Pole Creek. Samuel Jr., received land from Samuel et. al. Sr. 1840, B. 8,p. 1, 50 a. Twelve Pole Creek. In 1830, Samuel Damron deeded to John Dean, B. 4, p. 614, 100 acres on Twelve Pole.

There are a number of deeds in Wayne Co., W.Va. for Samuel and Sarah or Sally Dameron, beginning in 1843 for 50 acres on the left fork of Twelve Pole, from John Wellman, etc. The deeds for Samuel, Sr. go up to 1854.

The sons of Samuel were Moses, George Washington, Silas, and perhaps Demiah, and Norah was a daughter:

1. MOSES, married Betty Kirk and had twelve children: Ed., R.G. (Gid), Tom, Sam, John, Floyd, Vince, Wayne, Demi (Demiah), Thursa, Naomi and Cynthia (died young), all born in Wayne Co., W.Va. Mrs. John Damron, age about 75, lives at Highbottom, Ky. near Louisa. She said her husband would be 83 in 1954 if living, and Samuel of Ft. Gay, then living, was his cousin.

EDWARD, son of Moses, was of Radnor, W.Va., born Sept. 10, 1855, d. Feb. 17, 1940, in Wayne Co., W.Va. Hiswife was Nettie Smith. Their children were Bert Edgar, Route 1, Box 4, Radnor, W.Va., Lucian and Robert, all born in Radnor.

JOHN, son of Moses, m. Sallie Fitzpatrick, and had children: James Neibert Robinett Point, Williamson or Glen Hayes, W.Va.; Lockard Whitney, Ulyses Patrick, Irene, John Ezra Damron, killed at age 52, accidentally, b. 1872 in Wayne Co. W.Va., and died 1924.

VII. 2. GEORGE WASHINGTON DAMRON, son of Samuel, b. 1837 in Wayne Co., W.Va. died about 1923, in Mingo Co., W.Va. He was a soldier in the Civil War. His wife Esther Chafin, died 1910. Two of his children were William Damron, former County clerk of Williamson Co., Williamson, W.Va., and James Damron.

VIII. JUDGE JAMES DAMRON, son of George Washington Damron, was b. April 28, 1876, died May 8, 1939. He was county clerk of Mingo Co. and U.S. District attorney of southern West Virginia 1932, Huntington, W.Va. He married Anna B. Shumate b. Oct. 15,1882, died August 5, 1912. They were married Feb. 15, 1899, and had children:

1. Mayme M.b. Dec. 22, 1899.
2. Russell (James Russell) b. April 7, 1903, d. May 16, 1938.
3. Bertie Lee b. Aug. 21, 1904, Attorney, 1744 E. Sunrise Boulevard, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.
4. Margaret b. May 16, 1908. (Marguerite Estelle.)
5. Robert Keller b. Jan. 22, 1910.
6. Catherine Louise b. July 14, 1911.

THE DAMERONS OF CABELL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

The earliest Dameron in the records of Cabell County, West Virginia, the county seat being Huntington, is Augusta Damrel who married there Elizabeth Dearing April 17, 1812. The other county records show the following marriages:

Damrel, Elizabeth, to Kelly Ferguson, Aug. 10, 1838, minister, Gooden Lycan.
" Lazarus, to Eliza Stephenson, Sept. 26, 1839.
Damedral, Moses, to Rebecca Harel, July 26, 1835, min. Gooden Lycan.
" Samuel to Vashti Jarrell, July 26, 1835, by Gooden Lycan.
Damerelle, Elisha, to Sarah Russell, Oct. 6, 1836, by Stephen Spurlock.

The earliest wills recorded in Huntington were: Wayne Damron, Sr. 1901; Moses Dameron, 1924. Later dates show James Dameron, Lucy Davis Dameron. Nothing was found in the chancery order books.

Wayne County was formed from Huntington's county--i.e. Cabell Co.

Cabell County deeds showed the following:

GRANTEE	GRANTOR
Augustin Damron	Asa Hatton, 1815, b. 2, p. 22. Witness for this: John Deasing and Onesipherous Damron, 69 a. Grayston's Cr.
Moses Damron	Wm. Buffington, 1828, b. 4, p. 467, 50 a. Twelve Pole Cr.
George "	" " 1828, b. 4, p. 471, 50 a. Twelve Pole Cr.
Samuel Dameron,	Thos. Hays, 1830, b. 4, p. 586, 50 a. Twelve Pole Cr.
" "	Richard Willison, et. al. 1832, b. 5, p. 53, Rt. Fk. Twelve Pole Creek.
Richard Dameron	Wm. Watts, 1837, b. 6, p. 441, Trace Branch.
Samuel, Jr. "	Samuel Dameron, et. al. Sr. 1840, b. 8, p. 1, 50 a. 12 Pole.
Richard Damron	Simion Mainard, 1841, b. 8, p. 69, 35 a. Twelve Pole.
M. J. "	Huntington & Kenova Land Dev. Co. 1891, b. 37, p. 147, Lot 2, Blk. 87, cc.

Other Dameron names after 1891: Joseph, Wayne, M.D., J.W., M.J., L.D.,Wayne, Rhoda, John S.

Another record, three pages up to 1922, shows the following:

GRANTOR	GRANTEE
Augusta Damron	Rudolph Hooser, 1816, b. 2, p. 105, 50 a. Big Sandy River. This is signed "Augusta Damron."
Augustin Damron	Joseph Newman, 1816, b. 2, p. 109, 69 a. Hatten's Cr.
Lazarus " et al	Thompson Ratliff et al. 1828, b. 4, p. 470. Wm. Brumley and Lazarus Damron sell to Thompson Ratliff and James Ferguson.
Deed of Relinquishment between George Damron and Wm. Buffington, 300 a. one-half of Mill Creek.	
Samuel Damron	John Dean, 1830, b. 4, p. 614, 100 a. Twelve Pole Creek.
Moses "	Jacobee Sulivan, 1833, b. 5, p. 246, Right hand fork 12 Pole.
Moses "	Ali Belcher, 1833, b. 5 p. 258, 50 a. R. H. Fk. 12 Pole Cr.
" "	William No, 1834, b. 5, p.482, 30 a.
Laurel Sr. Dameron	Samuel Dameron, Jr. 1840, b. 8, p. 1, 50 a. Twelve Pole Cr.
Sarah "	
Jas W. and Emma "	Michael Schnider et. al. 1892, b. 39, p. 319, Lot 13, Blk 75,
C. L. and M.D. "	Walter Davis, 1893, b. 42, p. 129, Lot 7, blk. 139,Hunt. cc.

Augustin Damerell, Grantor (Huntington), to Lewis Summers, et. al. 1824, 200 a. Mill Cr. by Trus. b. 4, p. 279. Elizabeth & Augustine Damrell to Elias Hind, 1837, 200 a.; Cyrus D. Damrell to Wm. Hutcheson, 1836, 187 a. Buffalo Cr. b. 7,171.

THE DAMRONS IN LOUISA AND LAURENCE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

MARRIAGES OF LOUISA, LAURENCE COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

1826 George Damron to Sally Preston, Book 1, p. 39.
1845 Samuel Damron to Evelina Marcum, Book 1.
1849 Samuel Damron to Dicy Copley, 2, 25.
1854 William Damron to Elizabeth Baker, 2, 83.
1866 William Damron to Martha Thompson 3, 114.
1866 George Damron to Fannie Estes 3, 152.
186. George Damron, Sr. to Sarah Vinson, 3, 275.
1872 Spurlock Damron to Lucy Pickelsimer, 4, 129.
(There are 1 ½ pages of Dameron marriages not copied.)

LOUISA, LAURENCE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEEDS: GRANTOR INDEX FOR DAMRON:

Richard Damron, Estate, al, Grantor, to Simeon Justice, Oct. 29, 1839, Tracts, Wolf Creek, Oct. 29, 1839, C, 94.
Richard Damron, Est., al, CC Est. by Adm., Grantee, Nathaniel Crank, Mar. 5, 1842, 100 acres on Big Blaine, C. 510.
Augustus Dameron, Grantor, to John J. Surgell, P. of A. July 24,1871, J. 294.
Frank M. and Elizabeth Damron, Grantors.
Thomas and Ester (?) Damron, Grantors, to Sarah Marcum, Jun 21, 1886, 75 A. Cat Fork, T, 178.
Annie, Samuel, Elizabeth, Pollie (to Richard Dameron, Oct. 27, 1896, 51 ac. on Chestnut Creek, 29,p. 552), Frank, Annie, Lucinda, Samuel, John, James, Cora, Marion, Lee--these are other names as Grantors after 1896.

GRANTEE INDEX, LOUISA, LAURENCE COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

Richard Damron, Grantee, from Mary L. Hillhouse, Aug. 6,1858 6500 Acres, Big Sandy River, E. 485.
Samuel Damron, Grantee, from Allen P. Haws and wife, Mar. 15, 1880, Tract. Chestnut Creek, P. 321.
Peter or Pester Damron fm.Sarah Marcum, Jul. 11, 1885, T, 54; Tract Poor House Br.
Richard Damron, Grantee, from John Price and wife, Sept. 16, 1887, 4 Ac. Chestnut Creek, T. 366.
Samuel Damron, Grantee, from Harbon Mollett, al, Comr. Apr. 19, 1897, 25 Acres on Chestnut Creek, D, 27.
Frank M. Damron, from James Hughes & wife, May 25,1893, Lot in Louisa, 28 p. 249.
Richard Damron, from Samuel Damron and wife, Oct. 27, 1896, 51 Ac. Chestnut Cr.
Other names after this date: Samuel, Ann,Elizabeth, Lucinda, John, Lee, John, Sr.

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Deed Book C, p. 94, Laurence Co., Ky. William Ratliff, adm. of RICHARD DAMRON, EST. to deed Simeon Justice, 150 ac. being in Co. of Louisa. Ratliff and Justice both of Pike Co., Ky.

Book C, p. 510: Richard Damron est. Mar. 5, 1842, between Randolph Spring and Nathaniel Cranks of Co. of Laurence and state of Ky. Land lying in Laurence County.

Augustus Damron to John J. Sturgell, P. of A. July 24, 1871. "I Augustus Damron of Sullivan Co. and State of Mississippi own one undivided half of a tract of land in Laurence Co., Ky. on Rush Creek a tributary to Big Sandy R. I the aforesaid do hereby appoint John J. Sturgell my lawful agent. AUGUSTUS DAMRON."

THE DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD DAMERON

The following information is quoted from Mrs. L. J. Napierskie of Okmulgee, about the family of Edward Dameron who went from Virginia to Kentucky. Children:

1. JAMES. "Jim the eldest married on the wagon train journey from near Frankfort, Ky. in about the year 1873. He lived anddied in and near Springfield, Mo. Deceased in 1929. His eldest son Willie Dameron (a Church of Chrise Minister) lived at Middleton, Mo. He passed on last year; had 4 or 6 sons and daughters. J.R. Dameron, R.F.D. 5 Springfield, Mo., called Bob, is now living at Sparta, Mo. He has 4 sons and a daughter. The oldest girl Minnie, is now living at Sparta, Mo. Her name is Mrs. Ross Anderson. She has 3 girls. Another younger girl, Belle Zora Dameron (Spinscer) lives at Sparta, Mo. Box 50. This is all I know of Uncle Jim's family."

2. JOSEPH. "Joe Dameron (brother to Jim) lived and brought up his family, two boys, two girls, near Rogers, Arkansas. They all removed to California between the two world wars."

3. JOHN. "John went to Florida, and had a family there. I do not know the town."

4. NAN. "Nan, the oldest sister of my Mother, married a Speakman at Miller, Mo. She has several children and they went to Pueblo, Colorado, around the turn of the century."

5. MARY ELLON. "Then came Mary Ellon, my Mother. They came to Indian Territory about 1885, near Salisaw, O.K. There were 11 sons and daughters born. Three sons died in infancy, one daughter died in infancy. Beginning with the eldest:

(1) Amanda Jane married a man named Leonidas Millsap, had eleven children. She is 75 and now lives at Hot Springs, Ark. 433 Benton St.;
(2) Frankie M. Chandler lives at Sulphur Springs, Tex., one crippled child, a widow, on some route;
(3) Jerry Houston, the son that lived to marry, is deceased. His only daughter,Clity Crommett, Bentonville, Ark. had 3 children, 2 sons and a daughter.
(4) Bertha Belle Duke, 709 4th and Spaulding Sts., Checotah, O.K. She is 65.
(5) Then comes myself. Minnie Ellen Napierskie, 1108 North Alabama St., Okmulgee, Okla. I am now 60, the mother of 5 living, 1 girl and 4 sons: John of this address, Leonard, Jr. of Los Angeles, street address unknown; and Mrs. Ellen Adams, Rt. 2, What Cheere, Iowa. She has 3 children, 1 girl and 2 sons. Leonard, Jr. has 1 son, 1 girl.
(6) Then Cecil Roberts 4215 Kansas Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.; one daughter who lives in Cleveland, Ohio.--Ruth Howard, Rt. 4, Box No. 614, Tulsa, Okla. She is 55, the mother of 2 girls and one son, all live in O. K. Houston Holloway. His widow lives on a route from Burkbernette, Texas. Grace is her name.
(7) Then came Sallie the youngest sister of my mother, she died in 1900, one daughter Ona who died about 5 years ago leaving no children. She lived in Oregon. So this is the history of mother's brothers and sisters.

6. WILLIAM. "Now Uncle William, called Will and Bill, went to Texas in about 1892, as a lad, he married Elisabeth Ball (Betty Dameron), and they had a large family, 15 I believe, but only 4 are living, Dewey of the Allen St. address, a bachlor, no children & Teresa of Ft. Worth, Terial of L.A. and Ellon also of L.A. Teressa has a son Frank (deceased), 2 sons, Mable one girl, she is deceased, the girl lives in Washington, D.C., she was born a Millsap, Peggy, Frank's sons have several children, also the son Terrel out in L.A. has several children. Aunt Betty is now around 79 years old, and quite feeble. She is a Texas native, a wonderful person. Uncle Will died in 1924, there at Ft. Worth."

Circuit court orders for Louisa, Lawrence Co., Ky. show the following for Dameron: Damron & Co., Plaintiff, vs. Walter Osborn & Co. 1881, Box 182, Cause 4847; same vs. J.S. Ratcliff, 1881; same vs. E. J. Hutsenpeller, 1890. Damron, G. Def. and J. H. Allison, Plf. 1881; Dameron,Wayne, Plf. vs. G. T. Ross, 1891; J.W. Levetmam, 1895;etc.

THE DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD DAMERON

Mrs. Betty Dameron, widow of William, of 1420 E. Allen St., Ft. Worth, Texas, wrote Miss Aiken: "Am proud to hear from you in regards to the Dameron s. I am Will Dameron's wife. He was borned in Laurence Co., Kentucky. He has ben dead a long time. He died here in Ft. Worth.Left me with five children, most of them married now. My oldest son is dead and I have two girls and 2 boys left. I live with my second son, Dewey Dameron. This son is 56 years old soon. I am old and plenty feeble. Can't hardly rite as you can see. My husbon name was William Tomos Dameron. I never seen eny of his pepal but one sister she is dead allso my husbon was borned In Laurence County, Ky. he left home when he was 16, come to Texas then when he was 28 years old he come to Texas again after he was in Arkansas. We were married in Wylie, Texas. My husbon pepal were all in Laurence County. When his mother died he had 2 bro. 3 sisters and his oldest bro. was named John Dameron Jim Dameron and Will Dameron I seen his sister she was Elen Dameron she is dead.They are all dead but some his nieces...I would be verry happy to have you come see me. Will be 80 years old in October but still get around pretti good so rite less excuse my writing can't rite eny better now from Mrs. Betty Dameron." In filling out a questionnaire she wrote: "Damerons lived in Laurence Co., Kentuck is all we no. Will Dameron left Kentucky when he was 16 his father had died years back left 2 bros. John and Jim he was the youngest boy he had 3 sister older was Sallie Normie Speakman when she died Elen Dameron was the younges girl she married a Halliway come to Texas from Arkansas She is dead her girls are living at difernt places. You can rite Minnie Napierskie she was Elen oldest daughter she can tell more. My husbon never would rite or visit his pepal so that is a bought all I no. My folks were borned in Texas,I was raised near Dallas, Texas." Her husband was raised in McKinney, Tex. near Dallas.

A letter from Mrs. L. J. Napierskie, 1108 N. Alabama St., Okmulgee, Okla. said: "Today I received a letter from my Dear OldAunt Betty Dameron of Allen St. Ft. Worth in which she ask me to write you and tell you of the history of our branch of the Dameron family. Back in the year 1879 my mother and father were married at near Miller, Mo. she of birth was Mary Ellon Dameron. He, John Houston Holloway, from Tenn. She came of a family of 7, 3 girls and 4 sons. Her father Edward Dameron & Amanda Putnam came to Kentuckie from Virginia, many years before mother was born. I will now give you the history as I know it, mostly by word of mouth, beginning with the oldest son of Mandy and Edward Dameron . . . Now Will Dameron has done a lot of research in tracing his family, his widow of Middelton, Mo. may be able to give you a gold mine of information. I visited him about 1950. He said they were of Danish and Welch blood, and the original family had 10 sons. I have travelled a lot in the western part of the U.S. and I never sean that name but once out between Los Angeles and the ocean side, on a garage. I guess he was one of uncle's Joe's sons. If Joe is alive he is the only one that remains. .. In Springfield,Mo. you will see that name ablaze in neon signs all over town. There are doctors, nurses, grocer, electric cos., Sheet Mettle works, minasters, garages, all owned by Damerons, who are descendants of Jim and Bob, these are first second and third cousins of mine....Grandfather and mother died near Miller, Mo. around the turn of the century. He was a farmer, a tobacco grower, and poore. He died in an insain asylum. She died of lagrip. Grandmother Dameron couldent write her name. Jim's children are minasters, farmers, and his oldest son Willie of Middleton, Mo. has college teachers, minasters, nurses, all educated people, so are Bob's sons. Zoe of Sparta was a nurse for many years, now retired 63 years of age. Mrs. Anderson's girls are nurses and teachers. She was Minnie Dameron...

"My mother passed away at the age of 86, in Aug. 1946. She and father are buried near Checotah, Okla. in a country graveyard. He was a Methodist minaster, also a 33 degree Mason and a Republican. He died in March, 1908, when I was 14 years old. He came of a Scotish family His mother was a Douglas of Tenn., he a Holloway Scot on both sides of the house...if it is not too much trouble would you be so obliging as to send me the information you have gathered on this family history."

LETTERS FROM THE DAMRON FAMILY

W.F. Damron, Logan, W.Va., wrote that his father and mother were George Hutchison Damron and Florence Medkiff Damron. He said he had heard that the name of the first Damron who came to Floyd and Pike Cos., was Lazarus "but this is just hearsay. I was always told that he was a real Indian scout and also a minister. All I ever heard about John was that he was a brother to my great grandfather." He knew nothing of a Joseph Damron. He had no information beyond his great-grandparents who were Squire Damron and Mary Damron, Fort Gay, W. Va., whose children were:

David Damron	Thomas Damron	Lifus Damron
William Damron	Richard Damron	Moses Damron
Vashtie Maynard Damron	Elizabeth Damron	

His grandparents were listed as David C. Damron and Rhoda Vinson Damron, whose children were: They were of Branchland, Route 1, W. Va.

David C. Damron	Josie Messinger
George H. Damron	Sarah E. Ferguson
C. B. Damron	
Rachel Roach	

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James Nibert Damron, Glenhayes, W. Va. wrote to Miss Aiken, Dec. 3, 1954: "Coz.: I do not know much to give you on the Damrons. My information is that Samuel Damron (my great g.father) family moved here from Va. and raised a family and the names of four of his children were Moses (my grandfather), Geo. Washington, Silas and Nora Damron. Now my G. father Moses raised a family of 12, namely, Edd, Gid, Tom, Sam, John (my father), Floyd, Vince, Wayne, Demi, Thursa, Naomi and one other died young. My grandmother Damron's name, Betty Kirk Damron. My father John Damron, married Sallie Fitzpatrick, name of children: (All living except John).

James Nibert, Robinett Point	Irene Damron
Lockard Whitney	John Ezra Damron (killed at age 52, accidently,
Ulyses Patrick	borned in Wayne Co., W. Va. 1872, died 1924."

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I am going to give you two names you might contact. 1st, Birdie L. Damron (last time I had any news of him was in Cincinnatti, O). He is with the Dept. of Justice at Washington, D.C. and works of course all over the country. He is a son of the late Judge James Damron, who was the U.S. Dist. atty. of southern W. Va. in 1932: And a grandson of Geo. Washington Damron. I was in Judge James Damron's office one time and he was telling me a lot about him securing a record of the generation and that we were of French descent, that he had traced (or had traced) the Damrons back when a man landed in N.A. by the name of _____ Dameron. So I though it might be possible for you to contact the right one in his family, and get what information you need. Some of his family live in Huntington, W.Va. 2nd Mr. Millard Damron, Shelbiana, Ky., Pike Co. Millard Damron was also telling me of tracing the Damron generation. (Above paragraph sent on a sheet of paper from Alimae Aiken, no name or address attached.)

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B. L. Damron, Attorney, 1744 E. Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. wrote to Miss Aiken, Mar. 21, 1955. He formerly lived in Richmond and Fredericksburg, Va. "One Raymond Dameron, formerly with the Virginia State Police at Fredericksburg, Va. but now in the insurance business in the vicinity of Orange or Culpeper Counties, has some papers on the family beginning with Lawrence Dameron. You could contact Raymond, or obtain his address through enquiry of the Virginia State Police Office Culpeper Headquarters." He noted his brother was a Baptist minister in Northumberland Co., Va. "As to my lineal history, I can only go back to my grandfather, George Washington Damron who died in Mingo County, W.Va. about 1923, at the age of 90 plus... My father was James Damron, born on April 28, 1876, and died on May 8, 1939. My mother was Anna B. Shumate, born October 15, 1882, and died on August 5, 1912. They were married Feb. 15, 1899. Issue: Mayme Damron, b. Dec. 22, 1899, Russell, b. April 7, 1903, d. May 16, 1938, Bertie, b. Aug. 21, 1904, Margaret, b. May 16, 1908, Robert b. January 22, 1910, Catherine b. July 14, 1911.

DAMRON FAMILY LETTERS FROM MRS. WALKER

Annabel Walker had a letter from J.B. Damron, Louisa, Ky. Route 3, Dec. 19, 1954: "My father was John D. Damron, born in Pike Co., Ky. on Shelby Creek at the mouth of Sucky Creek. He came to Laurence Co. and married Claudia Meniffee Frazier and raised a family of 12 children. Nine of the children are still living. My grandfather was Moses D. Damron reared in Pike Co. My father's youngest bro. R.W. Damron, address is Yeager, Ky. He has two sisters living in Pikeville, Ky. Mrs. George Pinson and Mrs. Duran Keel. Their address is Pikeville, Ky. My father has been dead about 10 years. I suggest that you write to Mrs. George Pinson. I am 52 years old. I married Ollie M. Caldwell of Catlettsburg, Ky. I have two children, daughters. Claudia Myrtle Damron, 18 yrs. old., Mae Bell Damron, 16 yrs. old. We live six miles west of Louisa, Ky. in Laurence Co. I'm sorry I can't go any farther back than my grandfather."

Annabel also received the following from Box 178, Punta Gorda, Fla., Reid Damron: "Jan. 3, 1955. "Your letter rec. about the descendants of the Damrons. I can't go back very far and I don't know of any one who has a family Bible, or anyone that has a record of the Damrons. My grandfather was named John Damron and my great grandfather was named Hiram Damron and my father told me that he wouldn't tell them where he came from but later years I learned from L.P. Damron who lived in another part of Carter Co that he had a great uncle who left Old Va. and came down in this country and they did not hear from him and he knew by what I told him that he was his great uncle and that we was related. His boys and mine went to the same school and people thought they was brothers. I am like you I would like to have a history of the Damron generations all that I can find out is that they all came from Old Va. as it was called at that time. L. P. Damron told me that some of the Damrons stopped in Pike Co., Ky. and I know that there is lots of Damrons up there if you would write the county clerk at Pike County you could get some information on the Damrons. My home is in Grayson, Ky. but I am writing from Florida. I am here for the winter. So wishing you the best of luck, I am yours truly, REID DAMRON. If you get a history, let me know."

Annabel also sent the Spurlock Bible record, giving additional information on John A. Logan Damron b. Oct. 24, 1884, and King Solomon Damron b. Sept. 10, 1888, d. Jan. 29, 1944.

Elihu Damron, Wise, Va. wrote July 31, 1953: "My father was raised in Pike County in Kentucky, but I think his father came from the State of Tennessee. I don't know just what part. I didn't ask my father and he has been dead about two years. His name was Walter and his father's name was James and his grandfather's name was Walter. I am sorry that I can't give you much information about the family. But I have heard my father talk about some first cousins of his, one named Mathew and one Horne Damron and one named Auctor Damron. How I got your letter you wrote to my wife in Kingsport, Tenn, and she gave me the letter. We have been separated about 13 years. She has never married any more and I haven't married either. I am 44 years of age, have been working on the police here in Wise till about 3 year ago. I am now operating a restaurant in Wise for my sister and brothr-in-law, as they have another one at Pound, Va. that they look after. Mrs. Walker, I will try to find out more about my family. I will send you some pictures of the family in the next letter. Will close, excuse bad writing.

Mrs. John R. Brock, 1618 34th Avenue, Seattle 22, Wash. wrote to Annabel, Apr. 1, 1954: "My husband is deceased, but he originally came from Farmington, N.C. All of his family were living there in that part of the country at one time with the exception of a little sister who was living in Colorado and another brother Ed Brock who is now living in Seattle. My husband's father was John E. Brock and his wife's name before marriage was Cora Ward. John and Cora of Farmington are both dead now from natural causes in their 80's. The children--Hugh Brock and his family are in Farmington, N.C. So far as I know none have ever lived in Texas, but Hugh and Sue Brock could tell you more. Write to Hugh Brock and see what he can tell you concerning Susannah Damron Brock. Hope you are enjoying Good Health, and good luck to you."

LETTERS ON THE DAMRON GENEALOGY

Letter from R. L. Damron, 287 Newhouse Drive, Charleston, W. Va. Feb. 5, 1955: "Mose Damron was my grandfather. Come from Mulburry River in Missouri, settled in the head of Big Blaine Creek, Laurence Co., Ky. 16 miles from Louisa, around 1859. Two of grandfather's brothers stayed in the West, one's name was Bill and the other I think was Sam. Two bro. settled in Virginia, one settled in Tenn. (Lafe & John, don't know addresses). One settled in Ohio, address unknown,Tom. (David, address unknown, was the one in Tenn.) They agreed for the ones that stayed in the West to spell their names Dameron so they would know they were relations when they met up. My father's name was William B. Damron. He settled in Ky., moved to W. Va., died at Dunlow, W. Va. His brothers were Sam, Richard, John, Lafe, Tom, Dave. They were all named after Grandfather's brothers, one sister Narry Damron. Uncle Sam lived and died at Cassville, Ky. near Louisa. Uncle Richard settled at Doan, W. Va., lived and died at Doan, W. Va. Uncle Lafe & Uncle John, Uncle Tom went west. I never knew their address, they all three died in the west. Uncle Dave was a docter, settled near Salt Rock, W. Va. on Guryan River, lived and died there. One of Uncle Dave's daughters Mrs. Josephine Messinger, lives at Warfield, W. Va. I have never heard of a Joseph Damron. We have a homecoming on Damron Reunion in Wayne or Lincoln Cos. each year if you would like to come. Keep in touch with me and will give the date. We would like to have you or any of the relatives that would care to come. Hope you can use some of this. Sorry can't give addresses. Write again, yours truly, R. L. DAMRON.

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Bert Edgar Damron, Route 1, Box 4, Radnor, W. Va. wrote on Jan. 25, 1955:

FATHER: Edward Damron, Radnor, W. Va. born Sept. 10, 1855, died Feb. 17, 1940. Born and died in Wayne Co., W. Va. Wife, Nettie Smith. Children--Bert, Lucian & Robert Damron, all born here.

GRANDFATHER: Mose Damron, not known where born. Wife, Betty Kirk, not known where born. Children: R. G., Ed., Tom, Sam., John, Floyd, Vince, Wayne, Demiah, Thursie, Naomah & Cynthia Damron. (These children was born in Wayne Co., W.Va. They are all dead.)

GREAT-GRANDFATHER: Samuel Damron, place of birth not known. He had a wife and bond woman, had family by each. The bond woman was Smith, some of her children have taken the name Damron and some Smith.

GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER: Not known.

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Harrison Damron, Route 1, Box 835, Pikeville, Ky. wrote on Jan. 26, 1955: "Dear distant cousin: Will rite you after some delay. Well I hant found out the first Damron that came to Ky. But I will give you some of the Damron names. Elisha Damron born about 1800, Wilson Damron, William Damron, my grand father, James H. Damron, my father, was born 1859, died March 1891. Robert Damron born 1837, died 1927. Robert Damron Wilson Damron and Wm. Damron were Yankee soldiers under Abraham Lincoln the Great President. The Damron family differ bad in their Politics. I will rite later. Well Miss Aiken who was your grandfather. What was your father's name? Pleny Damrons live in Pike Co., Ky. Well Buck Damron and Harve Damron lived Dickenson Co., Va, at Clintwood, Va. Also Dee Damron he was in the Rebel army all the Damrons lived close to gather so I will search the Pike Co. records and try to tell you more on the Damron family later. I am looking for an answer from you soon. Your distant cousin, Harrison Damron.

"Wm. Damron, my grandfather, died around 1896. I am a Abraham Lincoln Republican and Ike too. Write P. K. Damron, Virgie, Pike Co., Ky., Willard Damron, Pikeville, Ky, Route 1; R. W. Damron, Yeager, Ky. I was born at Yeager, Pike Co., Ky. July 23, 1889."

EXCERPTS FROM "THE BIG SANDY VALLEY," BY WILLIAM ELY

This book, published in Catlettsburg, 1887, is very rare, so I shall copy a few excerpts from it. P. 6: "As early as 1789 the emigrants began to come to Sandy ...On the point of land where the Sandy and Tug form a junction was the first settlement attempted, in 1789. Soon after, near the mouth of Pigeon, was the next; next at Pond Creek, on the Tug. All the inhabitants from these places were driven away by the Indians. Not until 1790 was it safe to stir up the redskins. BLOCK HOUSES WERE BUILT BY THE DAMRONS, and others, near Pikeville, by others near Prater Creek. The Aucstiers or Auxiers, as now written, had built two, near the mouth of John's Creek. Over at Licking Station, now Salyersville, was a large fortification. At other places on the waters of the Sandy, similar forts had been erected...The Indians ceased troubling our forefathers and mothers in 1790...Yet game was much more abundant in the Big Sandy than in the Scioto...By 1806 many of the old families, whose descendants are now our foremost people, had taken up their abode in the valley.

"The majority of the early settlers belonged to the best families of the older states. They, it is true, brought their household goods on the backs of horses, for no roads had been opened up...for many years after the settlement of the country more slaves in proportion to the population were found on Sandy than in the Blue Grass region. They soon had pay-schools established in every neighborhood to teach the young. Churches they did not have...they used the shady dells to worship God in...every householder saw to it that one room in his great log mansion was dedicated to the worship of God...one family would often support a big meeting of a week's duration, sleeping and feeding all who came to worship. This primitive custom has not died out yet. Especially does it still prevailamong the primitive Baptists in the Tug Valley...The early pioneers ground their corn on hand-mills...They used bear's oil in place of lard to shorten their johnnycakes. It was many years before they had much hog meat or beef; but bear, deer, turkeys and other game and fowls were abundant. Honey was almost as plentiful as sorghum, and every spring they made of maple-sugar and treacle enough to run them through the season. The skins ofthe bear, the deer, buffalo....afforded a revenue...and when the reader takes into account the vast sum added by the countless wolf scalps at five dollars apiece, and the ginseng crop, he feels that his ancestors were engaged in a more lucrative business than saw-logging...the thrifty housewife worked up the flax and cotton raised by the men...Many of the men could sport breeches made of dressed deer-skins, and shoes made of the same material were found on the feet of both sexes. When the wolves became less troublesome, sheep were raised...Every house had a spinning wheel, a reel, and a loom...House-raisings, log-rollings, corn-huskings, were engaged in by the men; wool-pickings, quiltings, and flax-pullings by the women ...Many of those gatherings wound up at night with a play, and sometimes with a big dance.

"The morals of the people were good. The men were brave, and the women virtuous. ...the modern pistol, was almost unknown then...men...generally very coolly fought it out with their fists, and ended the matter of shaking hands all round. No feuds then...intoxication did not prevail as alarmingly as it has since the apple has become so large a factor in potent drinks on Sandy...a great reformation has been going on for twenty years, and the sale of liquor is, in the Kentucky counties, outlawed by the people. Christian progress and esthetic taste bid fair to raise the people of the valley to a higher plane than is attained in any other part of the State. The somewhatisolated location has kept the valley exempt from the grosser vices of the age."

Page 11. "The Leslies must have been the earliest permanent settlers in the Sandy Valley, yet immediately after their coming, the DAMRONS, the Auxiers, the Browns, of Johnson; the Marcums, on Mill Creek; the Hammonds, the Weddingtons, the Pinsons, Justices, Walkers, Morgans, Grahams, Williamsons, Marrs, Mayors, Lackeys, Hagers, Laynes, Borders, Prestons, and others, followed closely on their trail.

In 1789 the Leslies were driven off Pond Creek, on the Tug River, but returned in 1791 to John's Creek. We know that Moses Damron, Jr. and his wife, Sarah Damron, were in Fleming County (later Floyd) by Dec. 31, 1798, whenthey deeded land in Russell Co., Va. to John Tallett.

Ely has an affidavit of John Hanks (I wonder if were related to Lincoln's mother), 1838: "I was employed by Charles Vancouver in the month of February, 1789, along with several other men, to go to the forks of Big Sandy River, for the purpose of settling, clearing, and improving the Vancouver tract, situated on the point formed by the junction of the Tug and Levisa Forks, and near where the town of Louisa now stands... We all, about ten in number, except three or four of Vancouver's men, remained there during that year, and left the next march, except three or four men to hold possession. But they were driven off in April, 1790, by the Indians...We had to go to the mouth of the Kanawha River, a distance of 87 miles for corn, and no one was settled near us; probably the nearest was a fort about thirty or forty miles away, and this was built may be early in 1790. The fort we built consisted of three cabins and some pens made of logs, like corn-cribs, and reaching from one cabin to the other."

Ely continued: "What did they wear eighty years ago in the valley? The men wore buckskin breeches and hunting-shirts of the same material, home-made linen or cotton shirts...moccasins made of buffalo hide...hats were either made by a local hatter out of theabundance of fur at hand, or made at home out of fur skins... The ladies...spun and wove the cotton and flax into cloth...they made homesome dresses...they would color with barks, and make the most handsome stripes...

"What did the people eat?...Bear-meat boiled, or roasted ...Venison broiled on the coals, or boiled and eaten cold. Pheasants hung up before the fire... Johnnycake made of corn-meal beaten in mortars or ground on hand-mills...with some stewed pumpkin put in thedough. Wild honey in the comb...maple molasses...huckleberries, services, and other wild fruit as relishes...Hog-meat and beef soon followed along, with a little flour, and after 1820 coffee was used quite often. The old pioneer did not lack for plenty to eat and that of the best."

Ely says that when two young ladies bought "store dresses and store shoes" for the first time in Pike County and started on foot to meeting, carrying their new shoes, the cattle saw them and stampeded "frantic with fright...The cattle had never seen any calico before."

Ely says about 1790 Charles and Emla Willard "came down on Tug from Clinch River to hunt bear and deer for their pelts." Charles was drowned on John's Creek and the place was called "Millard's Creek," now changed by misspelling to Miller's Creek.

The Big Sandy, with its Levisa and Tug Forks, flows to the Ohio River. The Shelby "is capable of floating large rafts." This system of waterways drains "Wise, Dickinson, Tazewell, and Russell, in Virginia; and McDowell, Wyoming, Logan and Wayne, in West Virginia...The soil is a rich sandy,loam, as productive as are the Ohio bottom-lands....The bottom and cove lands produce heavy crops of grain, tobacco, and meadow-grasses, while thehillside lands serve well in grass, grain, and fruit...In early day this valley was the great center of the ginseng industry... Other medical roots abound...Poplar, oak, cherry, walnut, sugar, beach, hickory, linden, sycamore, and other timber, abound."

"The Auxiers, Meads, Staffords, Borders, Williamsons, Strattons, Leslies, Ratliffs, Lackeys, Osburns, Prestons, Cecils, Porters, Hatchers, Laynes, Weddingtons, Friends, Hatfields, Marcums, Runyans, Justices, Prestons, Porters, Brewers, Fulkersons, McDowells, Clarks, Goffs, Garrards, Browns, Dixons, Maguires, Grahams, Morgans, Robinsons, Belchers, Bevins, Walkers, Mayos, Hagers, Millards, Stumps, and others, were, some of them much earlier than David White, at the Mouth in 1798.

In 1779 the Indians were driven [illegible] Creek, on the Big Sandy, [illegible] in 1791 by John's Creek, [illegible] Tazewell, Va., [illegible] were in Fleming County [illegible] January 23, 1786, [illegible] Russell Co., Va., [illegible]

Ely has an affidavit of [illegible] 1828: "I was employed by Charles Vancouver in the month of February, 1789, with several other men, to go to the forks of the Sandy River, for the purpose of settling, clearing, and improving the Vancouver tract, [illegible] the Tug and Levisa Forks, [illegible] remained there during that summer, [illegible] in April, 1790, [illegible] of three cabins [illegible] cabin in the center."

Ely continues: [illegible] the Indians [illegible]

[illegible] Big Sandy [illegible]

[illegible] for the first time [illegible] had never seen [illegible]

Ely says about 1790 [illegible] and the place was called "Vancouver's Fort," [illegible] Creek.

The Big Sandy, with its banks and its forests, along [illegible] "Wise, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell in Virginia, [illegible] in West Virginia, [illegible] the Ohio [illegible] tobacco, and cotton, [illegible] and fruit [illegible] timber, [illegible]

[illegible] and others, many, some of whom were earlier [illegible]

"In 1830 the vast forests...had no real value attached to them...In 1830 the existence of stone-coal was almost unknown...Salt springs abound in every county, and salt has been made from the water ...from the earliest settlement. Petroleum has been known to exist...for fifty years. Since 1865 many wellshave been bored... Potter's clay of the finest quality is found...In 1847 an English company bought several thousand acres of land on the bank of the Sandy, two miles above the mouth, for...potteries....Some of the clay...was sent to England...

"Of the early preachers...Rv. Marcus Lindsay...was a Methodist divine...about the time of the War of 1812. After Mr. Lindsay, Rev. William B. Landrum was the most noted...1834." Ely says the"Spurlock brothers, Burwell and Stephen...were loved by all." They were Methodists, and lived on Twelve Pole. The early teachers were Joseph West who taught "from Prestonburg down to the mouth of Tug," Lewis Mayo, James McSorley, M. T. Burriss, Prof. Wm. N. Randolph, Wm. Murphy, Charles Grim.

George Washington made a wonderful survey up the Tug River in 1766 and wrote of it in his Field Notes.

Laban T. Moore was the Whig in Congress, who supported the Union in 1861, and with "William Vinson, L.J. Hampton, and others, was instrumental in getting into service the 14th Kentucky Regiment. He was its first colonel." He was a Mason. P. 42 says: "The 14th was in many a fiery skirmish...Especially was it exposed to the enemy's lines in its march on Atlanta from Nashville, under Sherman (commanded by Col. G. W. Gallup of Louisa.

On p. 46, Col. John Dils says: "It would be marvellous to the present generation should I relate some of the old hunters' yarns...I am now thinking of someof the old Nimrods, such men as the Pinsons, Maynards, Colleys, Belchers, Owens, and a host of others, not forgetting Uncle Barney Johnson," who plowed up a golden wedge from an Indian burying ground and gave it to a blacksmith to braze bells with, not knowing what it was made of. Col. Dils was arrested by Col. John S. Williams, Confederate commander, whose forces were camped at Pikeville 1861, and sent to Libby Prison. On his release he went to see Abraham Lincoln and says his "inestimable worth could be seen both in the Executive and the great, swelling, loving heart for the people." In 1862 at Catlettsburg "there being so many refugees from the Upper Sandy counties (Pike, Floyd, etc.) that wanted to go into the service of the United States army soliciting me, I...recruited the first day about two hundred men, and soonafter raised...the 39th Kentucky Regiment, Mounted Infantry."

Ely says the "Rice family is one of the most noted of all the old families... and lived in Wales. ..During Judge Rice's prime, the State of Kentucky was overwhelmingly Whig. Almost any Whig could have beaten the Democratic party." This was in 1860 and Rice was a Democrat, but against secession. "The Rices of Johnson ...are Republicans in politics."

On p. 72 he has a notice of "The Preston Family," Moses being the ancestor of Bedford Co., Va. a Revolutionary Soldier who m. Miss Arthur. In 1800 he moved to the Big Sandy to the Morgan farm in Floyd, tence to the forks of Beaver,where he died age 76 "all his life a sterling Jeffersonian Democrat. He was the father of six sons and five daughters. Isaac, the oldest son, married Polly Sloan, of Pike County...Stephen, married a Miss Miller (Pricie)...Moses...was destined to become a historic figure in Big Sandy annals...John...married Kizzie Fitzpatrick...Henry... married Betty Kanes...Arthur, the sixth son, married Nancy Miller."

Page 81 has "The Marr Family of the Sandy Valley, is one of French origin, descendants of the Huguenots. The family settled in Maryland before the American Revolution...The grandfather of Thomas Marr, of Catlettsburg, came to the Sandy before the commencement of the present century, and settled in the John's Creek country... One of his sons married...a daughter of Thomas May of Shelby."

P. 82 has "The May Family...were here as early as 1796. Thomas May was the first, or, at least, amongst the first, of the family comingfrom Virginia...He was a very jovial man, fond of fiddling and dancing, and popular with his neighbors. He owned more slaves than any man on Sandy, either in his day or since, footing up in number seventy-one....Colonel A. J. May developed into greater renown as an officer in the Confederate army than any other native of Sandy."

P. 97 lists "THE RATLIFF FAMILY are among the oldest settlers on Sandy. James Ratliff was the founder...coming to Pike...always sided with the cause of virtue and morality. His son, General Ratliff, was also a man of great mental vigor...For twenty years he was sheriff."

P. 101 liststhe Marcums: "Josiah Marcum...settled in the Lower Sandy Valley almost as early as any other settler on the Sandy. His seat was near where Cassville, Virginia, now stands. He was a typical hunter, and encountered the roving Indians. Like most hunters, Josiah was an expert gunsmith, which art has descended to many of his offspring...." His great-grandson, Capt. T.D. Marcum "enlisted as a private in the 14th Kentucky Volunteers. He was made lieutenant, and at the battle of Middle Creek, in 1862, acted with great gallantry...He went with the regiment on its marches through Georgia."

The Auxiers are listed on p. 103. "The great-great grandfather of Major Auxier, brothers and sister, came to Pennsylvania from the Rhine, in Germany, in 1755. His wife was a Hollander. They lived in Pennsylvania until after the Revolutionary War. They had five sons. Simon, the oldest, served seven years, or during the Revolutionary War. He was under Washington at the battle of Trenton; was with the troops sent from Virginia to aid General Greene in the South; was at the battle of Guilford Court house and was at Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered. Samuel, the grandfather of Major John B., volunteered when fifteen years old, and served the last three years of the war...After that war the major's great-grandfather...Michael, settled in Ru ssell County, Virginia. His son Samuel...came with his wife, Sally Brown, to the Block House Bottom in 1791. The Hammons and some other families came with them and built two blockhouses one-halfa mile below the mouth of John's Creek. On the 7th ofAugust, in the same year, Samuel Auxier, father of the major, was born... In 1801 or 1802 Samuel Auxier, the father of the major, had a little son named Elijah. He was some three years old. He followed his brother Daniel into the woods, where he was chopping timber." He started home alone through a cane brake and was never heard of again. "Couriers were sent out in great haste to DAMRON'S FORT, near Pike, and the little settlement near Prater, and over to the Station on Licking, notifying the men that little 'Lige Auxier was lost in Block- house Bottom....they took up their rifles and a wallet of wild meat and started on therun...never giving up the search till a week had passed. Some wild beast had dragged the little boy to its lonely den and devoured him. Daniel Boone was certainly on Sandy. In 1795 or '96 he came to the Block-house, and joined Nat. Auxier, the uncle of the major, in a bear, deer, and wolf hunt on Greesy Creek, in which is now Johnson County. They built a camp on that stream, still known as Boone's Camp. A post-office, bearing the name, is located at the camp...Nat's Creek, below, was named after Nat. Auxier...Of the sixteen children of Samuel Auxier, thirteen still survive."

Page 124 has "THE LACKEY FAMILY...Alexander...came from Southern Virginia in 1804, and settled at the Forks of Beaver in Floyd County. He married the daughter of David Morgan, a relative of General Daniel Morgan, of Battle of the Cowpens fame. Mr. Lackey brought slaves and considerable property...He was a representative in the Legislature, judge and sheriff and rose to be a general in the militia. " Morgan Lackey of Prestonburg lead the move which resulted in having "every grog-shop driven from his town, where the poisonous fluid had for sixty-five years held one continuous carnival of death...today in 1887 not a drop of liquor is sold according to law in the county."

"THE WILLIAMSONS...are of Welsh descent...and fought for independence." They left Pennsylvania and the Big Sandy ancestor settled in Russell Co., Va. where Benjamin Williamson came from in 1795 and settled on Tug. John came also. They were woodsmen and hunters.

Page 150: "SAMUEL T. WALKER was among the early arrivals in the John's Creek Valley...a great hunter...a noted gunsmith and blacksmith. He was one of the early Methodists in the valley.

Page 151: "HENRY AND HIS BROTHER, JACOB WEDDINGTON...came from Virginia when mere boys, in 1790. The Weddingtons were original North Carolina people...In 1800 Henry married Elizabeth Garrell...two children were born--James and William. The latter was Judge Weddington...Henry died in 1836, and was buried on Shelby, where the Weddingtons first settled."

Page 155 has: "THE WARDS...came to the valley soon after the first settlement on the Sandy. James Ward was the pioneer...He settled on Rockcastle Creek. ...The old stock were noted hunters, having been trained in Indian warfare... The ward family are noted for naming their children after theirancestors...in order to designate them, they were nicknamed. Hence we had Big Foot, Nine Toes, White Head, Bit Nose, Jimper, Little Jim, Jim's Jim, Hawkum etc. To call a man Jim Ward, no one would know which Jim was meant."

I believe this family went from Albemarle Co., Va. to Russell Co., Va. as John Ward had a survey in Albemarle for 300 acres in 1745. The will of Lazarus Dameron of Albemarle, 1749, says: "I give and bequeath to my son Moses Damron my boy JOHN WARD during the remaining part of his apprenticeship...I give and bequeath to my son John Dameron ...my boy English McCoy until the expiration of his apprenticeship." Lazarus Dameron was a shoemaker. McCoys were also in Russell. So were Hatfields.

"THOMAS CLINEFELTER was an early settler (p. 181). He came from Hanging Rock. He wasa builder. He died in about 1857...The elder daughter is the wife of Captain Wallace J. Williamson, the rich trader and banker. The younger is the wife of JAMES W. DAMRON, a prominent Front Street merchant. It is an open secret that Mrs. Clinefelter has a handsome balance in her favor at the bank,all of which she made by her own industry in making fine coats and vests."

Page 202: EPHRAIM HATFIELD, the founder of the house in the Sandy Valley, came from Russell County, Va. in 1795, and...settled on the waters of the Tug River, in what is now Pike County...the Hatfields outnumber most other families in the Sandy Valley. A few years ago, at a large gathering of the people of the Tug region to listen to a political discussion, it was found out that over three hundred voters in the crowd were either Hatfields or had Hatfield blood... The Hatfields are noted for physical development and strength...They are a high-spirited family, but are kidd, neighborly, and just to all who treat them justly. An enemy, however, might as well kick over a bee-gum in warm weather, and expect to escape the sting of the insect, as to tramp on the toes of one of these spirited, tall sons of the mountains, and not expect to be knocked down." Since the above the Hatfield-McCoy feud has made these families famous all over America. "The Hatfields were originally nearly all Democrats in politics, but since the war they have become strong Republicans, with but few exceptions...They are a strong Baptist people in religious matters."

Page 205: THE HATCHERS...James H. Hatcher married a Miss Peery in Tazewell County, Va. and settled at the mouth of Mud Creek in about 1830."

Page 303: "Pikeville was laid out as the county seat in 1821. THOMASOWENS a New Yorker, but of English descent, the grandfather of Jefferson Owens, of Catlettsburg, owned the land at the time. Mr. Owens was often called "Dad" Owens as a nickname. He was a good man, upright, honest, religious, and liked by all. For a time he was a partner of Frederick Moore in selling goods at Pikeville. Mr. Moore had a large store at the 'Forks.' One day "Dad" Owens went into the store and was told by his partner that he would let him take up to the Pike store all the coffee he might want; 'for,' said Mr. Moore, ' I have just received the largest invoice ever brought to Sandy, being a full barrel of the enchanting berry." In that early day coffee was only used on rare occasions...Children never drank it."

Helen F. Snow,
Mungertown Road,
Madison, Conn.

THE ANCESTRY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Abraham Lincoln came of a typical pioneer family pushing back the frontier from one generation to the next. We followed the Lincoln trail in Kentucky and looked up some of the names of his mother's family--Shipley, Berry--but did not look up Hanks nor Mitchell on this trip. Lincoln has become a cult in Kentucky, which was neutral in the Civil War, and we saw the "Lincoln Marriage Temple" in Harrodsburg, Ky. and the cabin he was born in at Hodgenville not far away. One room at Harrodsburg was devoted to Lincolniana. Lincoln looks like a typical Kentuckian, both in features and physique, and he is no doubt related to many Kentucky old families if his full ancestry were known.

We saw the Lincoln family cemetery in the midst of an alfalfa field at the Linville creek region a few miles from Harrisonburg, Va. in the Shenandoah Valley. Abram Lincoln's tomb was there and his wife's, named Mary. The DAR has put up a Revolutionary marker to Abraham Lincoln. However, the woodchucks are digging up the graves which are covered with weeds and uncared for. The Pennybackers are also buried there, a family from Pennsylvania near Downingtown. I was told that recently Lincolns lived at Lacey Springs nearby who looked exactly like Lincoln. The house at Linville is a big old colonial type with shutters and chimneys at each gable end flush with the side in the old style. At present a Mennonite tenant family lives in the house and they let us in to look at it. It has a fine old stairway and is a very fine old house with interesting old iron door latches etc. This region is said to be the richest agriculturally in this part of Virginia.

The pamphlet "Abraham Lincoln" given to us in Hodgenville says: "The father of Abraham Lincoln...was Thomas Lincoln; his grandfather was Abraham...His great-grandfather was John Lincoln, who had moved from near Reading, Pa. to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. John Lincoln's son, Abraham, together with his family, moved across the mountains into Kentucky sometime between 1782 and 1784. Here Abraham, the grandfather, was killed by an Indian from ambush...probably in May 1786... Thomas, the youngest son, was then about ten years old. About 1800, Thomas Lincoln settled in Elizabethtown...as a carpenter."On June 12, 1806, he married Nancy Hanks in the Richard Berry cabin at Beechland, Washington County, Ky., Richard Berry being the uncle and guardian of Nancy Hanks. This log cabin is now the "marriage temple" at Harrodsburg, where it was removed. There isalso at Harrodsburg a reproduction of the old fort, the first settlement in Kentucky, which was started to claim the whole region forthe colonists. There is a fine old pioneer cemetery there with the headstones not inscribed . They are only rough field stones, but on some of the graves are stones shaped like bodies over the grave--I would guess they were taken from Indian graves to keep the bodies from wolves etc. In the museum you can see a letter written by Daniel Boone, who wrote a fine, educated man and was very handsome and attractive in appearance, which thanks the addressee for the powder and shot and says many Indians are gathering and he hopes to be alive to write again. It is blotted and blurred in places. Next to it is the bark from a tree with D.B. carved in it, taken from a cave where he lived nearby one winter. Boone was a surveyor among other things. We stayed in a tourist home just opposite the old fort.

We had gone from Frankfort to Harrodsburg and from there to Hodgenville to see Lincoln's birthplace, where the log cabin is housed under a building. It is a very sweet little log cabin with a huge fireplace, and was situated beside Sinking Spring, a lovely deep spring nearby. Thomas bought the Sinking Spring farm Dec. 12, 1808, and Abe was born there Feb. 12, 1809. They lived here 2 1/2 years when they lost the farm due to a defective land title, so in 1811 they moved to Knob Creek ten miles to the northeast. In November or December, 1816, Thomas left Kentucky and went to Indiana about 16 miles north of the Ohio River, where Nancy Hanks died about two years later of "milk sickness."

THE ANCESTRY OF LINCOLN'S MOTHER

According to Sarah Shipley Mitchell's granddaughter, Mrs. C. S. H.Vawter, Berrys and Mitchells went to Kentucky about 1789, during which Mrs. Mitchell was killed by Indians and her daughter captured. Mr. Mitchell was drowned searching for his daughter in the Dix river, accompanied by his friend Gen. Adair. The Mitchell children scattered --Daniel settled in Washington Co. near Springfield, near two cousins, Frank and Ned Berry. After Wayne's treaty, the captive was returned and became an intimate friend of Nancy Hanks, who then lived with Frank Berry. Nancy was noted as a seamstress and did this kind of work. Thomas Lincoln came to visit his brother Mordecai who lived near Major Berry, and met Nancy Hanks.

P. 14 of the Marriage Temple pamphlet said "Richard Berry was in Kentucky as early as 1780. He m. Rachel Shipley and lived on the six hundred acre farm on Beech Fork in Washington Co., Ky. where the Lincoln Marriage Cabin originally stood."

By searching the frontier counties for Berry, Mitchell, Hanks, Sparrow and related names, it should be possible to establish t he place of residence of Nancy Hanks and her mother,which may have been Virginia or some county which was cut up into Tennessee or Kentucky after her birth.

CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE (taken from Hawkins 1801) RECORDS, Tazewell, Tenn.

JOHN BERY, on a jury Nov. 9, 1819. Other names listed 1819 were Stephen Cock, John Campbell, Robert Crockett. (P. 221.) Court Records.

THOMAS BERRY, on a jury May 11, 1820, with Fielding Lewis (This is the name of the man George Washington's sister married), James Brock, John McCarty, JOHN THOMPSON, Ralph Hatfield, Andrew Crockett, Alex Campbell. Court Records p. 144.

Claiborne Co., Tenn. Deeds. 12 June, 1799 (or 1790, not readable). State of North Carolina to JAMES BERRY, grant of 200 acres Powal's Valley. P. 429. Also in Deeds JAMES BERY, 100 acres, 97 or 93. (See Belcher.)

P. 428, Deeds. July 22, 1803: JOHN THOMPSON to Daniel Henry (?)(not readable), 200 acres at the head of Mulbery opposite Mulberry Gap on Powell's Mountain, joining Benjamin Sharp. (Mathew Reynolds was here 1804 on Mulberry Creek, also.)

THOMAS BERRY, witness with Wm. McCubbins, 21 May, 1814, Book D, p. 326, deed of John Casey and Walter Evans to Christopher Dameron, land near Roddy, Brumley, Monday, Cruchfield.

P. 252, Court Records, August 16, 1816: William Baker vs. Susanna Posey. Thisday came the parties in person and the defendant sayeth she was in passion when she spake the words in the declaration mentioned...etc. Witnesses: I. Cocke, W. Acklen, BERY POSEY, I. Cloud, Wm McConnell, D. Coudray, Wm. Bunch, JOHN BERRY.

Minute Book, court records: JOHN BERRY was on the jury for the trial of the State vs. Thomas Patton, Mar. 8, 1803.

CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENN. MARRIAGE RECORDS:

Berry, Prior L. to Malinda Ausmus, 1856, Book 3, p. 76.
Berry, Jackson, to Elizabeth Eads, 1849, B. 2, p. 141.
Berry, John, to Sarah West, 1858, B. 3, p. 98.
Berry, William, to Elizabeth Wells, 1877, B. 4, p. 290. (Several Hatfields are listed in these marriages.)

In Gate City, Scott Co., Va. are the following who might have records: G. H. Shipley, Yuma Road; James F., Weber City; O. N. Shipley, W. W. Shipley, Yuma Road. Sarah Bush Lincoln's father was Christopher of Elizabethtown, Ky.,Dutch. She m. Daniel Johnston in March, 1806, when she was 17, and later Thomas Lincoln in 1819.

The Lincoln birthplace cabin has been a shrine since 1861, when it was bought by Dr. George Rodman to preserve it. It was taken around the country on exhibition and in 1911 was returned to its original site, after being sent to Louisville by military escort for a celebration in 1906. The cabin is Federal property now. Elizabeth town is onlya few miles from Hodgenville.

Near the Sinking Spring is a giant oak tree which has been recognizedas a landmark in deeds since 1786. This whole region is very beautiful landscape.

The National Park Service bulletin says: "Between...1783 and 1790 fifteen hundred Kentuckians were killed by Indians...Abraham Lincoln, the grandfather, (was) established in Rockingham County on a farm of about 262 acres...as early as 1776 this Abraham Lincoln had entered 1,000 acres of land in Kentucky. In 1780 the paternal grandfather of the future President sold his Virginia farm. The Lincolns moved to Kentuckysometime between 1782 and 1784...There is some evidence that it was on a tract of 800 acres of land on Green River in 1782, but, if true, they remained there only a short time. By 1784 the Lincoln family had moved to...what is now Louisville and was living on a tract of land on Long Run of Floyd's Fork in Jefferson County." Here he was killed by Indians, age about 42 years, in the presence of Mordecai, age about fifteen, eldest son, Josiah, and Thomas. Thomas about 1798 perhaps made a trip to "Tennessee and lived with an uncle for about 1 year, returning to Kentucky about 1800 and taking up residence in Elizabethtown," Hardin Co. Thomas lived from 1776 to 1851, and Nancy Hanks from about 1784 to 1818, "born in the backwoods of Virginia, reared midst the primeval forests of Kentucky."

The first record found of Nancy Hanks concerns her mother Lucy Hanks, Nov. 24, 1789, Mercer Co., Ky. She probably"came from Virginia with her mother sometime between 1785 and 1789," perhaps with Joseph Hanks, who had arrived there by Feb. 28, 1787. Her oldest child, Sarah, b. 1807, died in childbirth 1828, age 21. Her son Thomas died as an infant. Of her three children, only Abraham lived beyond youth.

A. L. Huttinger, Superintendent at the Lincoln National Historical Park, Hodgenville, Ky. let us look at a book: "Lincoln's Parentage and Childhood," by L. A. Warren, as the best authority onthis subject. It said Lucy Hanks gave birth to Nancy in Virginia Feb. 4, 1784, and she d. Oct. 5, 1818. She moved age three to Kentucky. Lucy married Henry Sparrow Apr. 31, 1791. The author refers to "Nancy Hanks" by Caroline Hanks Hitchcock, who found the will of Joseph Hanks in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Ky. Shesaid Sparrow was the name of a family Lucy Hanks was related to and afterward she married Henry Sparrow. The book says that Lucy had a sister, Rachel Shipley, who married Richard Berry, and also a sister who married Robert Mitchell. Nancy was brought up by Richard Berry and his wife at Beechland, Washington Co., Ky. When she was three she crossed to Kentucky with Joseph and Lucy Shipley Hanks, and was an orphan at the age of nine. The marriage bond of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks, June 10, 1806, signed by Richard Berry and witnessed by John H. Parrott, is in the County Courthouse at Springfield, Ky. Rev. Jesse Head performed the ceremony, a Methodist. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Richard Berry, James Thompson, William Hardesty, Dr. Christopher Columbus Graham, Felix Grundy, Sarah Shipley Mitchell, Mrs. John Springer, who was Elizabeth Ingram, Mrs. Litsey. Probably also the following were present: Nancy Hanks, aunt of the bride, Thomas and Betty Sparrow, Jesse and Polly Friend, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sparrow. The latter were Nancy's mother's connections. Lucy Hanks married Henry Sparrow Apr. 26, 1790, bond at Harrodsburg, Ky.

P. 29 of the booklet on Lincoln's Marriage temple shows other marriages at Springfield, Ky. by Jesse Head in 1806 etc.--Morris Berry and Peggy Sims, 1806; David Mize and Hannah Peter; Charles Ridge and Anna Davis, John Head and Sallie Clark; Benj. Clark and Polly Head; Edw. Pile and Rosannah McMahon...Anthony Lytsey and Kesiah Pirtle, Aaron Hardin and Hannah B._____, Daniel Payne and Christiana Pierce, Benj. Clark and Polly Clark, Hugh Hoskins and Betsey Dyer, John Graham and Catherine Jones. Isaac Shelby lived near Berry.

THE SHIPLEYS IN CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Claiborne County, Tennessee, Deeds (which begin in 1800):

Book C. p. 55: EDWARD SHIPLEY hath title to the within named tract of land, Edward Scott Register of the Land Office for East Tennysee I do certify that this grant recorded the 11th May 1810 No. 747 fifth district of No. 248 dated 31 March 1809 bound on a warent of 221 issued to the heirs of John Cooper a Corporal for 1,000 acres dated 28 Nov. 1805, one hundred acres of which assigned to Edward Shipley... There is granted to Edward Shipley 40 acres in dist. of Hamilton, adj. Isaac Lane's land, surveyed Apr. 3, 1809. (Signed) WILLIE BLOUNT, Secy.

Book A, p. 374: EDWARD SHIPLEY. Thomas Jeffers to EDWARD SHIPLEY, deed, both of Claiborne County, dated Nov. 30, 1807, for 19 acres at Sycamore Creek. Wits. Jos. Acklen, David McReynolds, Joseph Coaffer. (From old p. 438, in old records.)

Book A. P. 376: Thomas Jeffers to EDWARD SHIPLEY (page in original record 440): February Term, 1808, for 200 acres of land on the north side Clinch River on headwaters of Sycamore Creek joining 640 acres surveyed in the name of Stokeley Donelson. (207 acres is noted.) Witnesses: Jos. Aclen, Josiah Coafer, Mary Coafer, 21 Apr.1808.

(Also on SycamoreCreek were David and Jacob Shults, perhaps the same later in Adair Co., Ky. whose desc. went to Weakley Co., Tenn.)

Book E. p. 197: Dec. 30, 1816. EDWARD SHIPLEY of Claiborne County deed to John Simons of Warren Co., Tennysee, for $200.00, land on Tye's Branch of Sycamore Creek. Witnesses: Gideance Shipley and Yablath Shipley (or Gablath).

Book E. p. 227: EDWARD SHIPLEY to John Simons of Warren Co., Tenn. for $1,000.00 deed for land on Tye's Branch of Sycamore Creek 320 acres. 22 Dec. 1816. Wits.GABBATH SHIPLEY GIDANCE SHIPLEY (X). (Edward Shipley signed with his own name.)

Index to deeds of Claiborne County also shows the following: Jesse Shipley, 1821, Book R, p. 207. Peter Shipley, same year, 1821, Book R. p. 210 $1200.00. It also shows Wm. Scalf, 1850, Ira and Isaac Scalf, 1850. Also JOHN BERY, 1830, Book I, p. 383, for $500.00; also THOMAS BERRY to Hurst 1818, Book G, p. 18. Also A. and M. Buchanan 1845 and W. R. and Andrew B. Buchanan 1855.

Book G. p. 64 shows a deed from GABART OR TABART SHIPLEY et. al. to Hurst, Hiram, deed 1820, for $600.00. MARY BERRY, has a deed 1839, Book N, p. 145. Andrew Buchanan had a deed 1854. MARY BERRY has another deed 1856. In 1838 JOHN BROCK has a deed. Bowlings are here. RALEIGH SHIPLEY was on jury 1813, p.179, Nov.

Note: Lewis A. Warren was doing Lincoln research for the Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. His book said Thomas Lincoln of Hingham, Mass. was perhaps the ancestor of Abraham, and that Thomas Lincoln was 5thin descent from Samuel Weaver who landed 1637.

We did not look for Mitchells nor Hanks in any of the counties, nor for Lincolns. These frontier counties were all part of Virginia at one time, and Ky. began demanding separation from Virginia from 1784 to 1790, about the time Nancy Hanks was born. Also the settlements on the Holston and Watauga were thought to be Virginia soil after settlement in 1769 and they were independent for some time. James Adair of S.C. was the first to go to Tennessee. Claiborne County was the gateway of the road to Kentucky and to Virginia near the Cumberland Gap, coming from the Tennessee side. If Nancy were born in these disputed frontier regions she might refer to it as "Virginia", as some settlers did and others did not, depending on their views. Henry Sparrow was a revolutionary soldier and of a good family. Mitchell was a friend ofGen. Adair. THOMAS MITCHELL, JESSEE CLARK, WILLIAM CLARK, LEWIS BUSH Were in the 9th Va. Regt. under Thomas Fielding, Dec. 1776. This was an Albemarle Co. Va., regiment, which I have had traced for the first time.

A FRONTIER CHRONOLOGY

1607 Jamestown was settled, the anniversary being in 1957. It was 350 years ago.
1648 There were 15,000 English and 300 negroes in Virginia.
1650 Col. Wm. Ball settled in the Northern Neck, ancestor of George Washington's mother, Mary Ball. He was said to be descended from John Ball of Kent who was in the Wat Tyler and Jack Straw rebellion in 1381 and lost his head. The Washingtons also came to the Northern Neck about 1656.
1652 Lawrence Dameron has a land grant in Northumberland County, Va.
1749 The French begin taking over the Ohio Valley so the Virginiansdecide to organize land companies to occupy the western lands. Dr. Thomas Walker went through the Cumberland Gap in 1750, the first agent and surveyor.
1753 George Washington, a surveyor, was sent to warn the French that Virginia claimed the Ohio country. He was one of the Virginians most interested in the frontier.
1755 Braddock's army of 1300 men sailed up the Potomac on their wayto fight the French on the frontier. George Washington joins them age 23--he was b. 1732.
1766 115 men of the Northern Neck fire the first gun of the Revolution by drawing up a set of Resolves, one being Richard Henry Lee, ancestor of Robert E. Lee. The Lees were leaders in the Revolution.

1736 Lazarus Dameron buys land from John Cannon in Goochland north of the Fluvanna River, which was later cut off into Albemarle. It adjoined Edward Scott. The county was not formed until 1744. The first patent on record was 1722.
1737 Peter Jefferson came from Chesterfield to Albemarle and was one of the first settlers, there being but 3 or 4 other persons living in his neighborhood then. This was near the plantations of the Ladds and Damrons. Peter was the first surveyor and the father of Thomas Jefferson who was born at Shadwell, Albemarle County, near the Damron place at Scottsville. Hence the Damrons were among the first pioneers in Albemarle. This wasthe cradle of Jeffersonian democracy, which Thomas Jefferson learned from the self-government of the Albemarle small farmers. The Ladds were in this region by 1732, and sold a farm to Peter Jefferson in 1750 in the large curve of the Fluvanna (upper James) about a mile from Scottsville. In 1747 a road was opened from State River "near Mr. Marrs to the Court House...Noble Ladd and John Ladd are ordered to clear the same Noble Ladd overseer. Noble Ladd and Gideon Marrs are ordered to march out the same." The Ladds were originally Quakers from Norfolk. The stream of migrationto the frontiers from Albemarle went on to Kentuckyand North Carolina. You will find many Pike County names in Albemarle patents such as John Carter, Thomas Jones, David Lewis, Jonathan Clark, Joseph Smith, Charles Lewis, Thomas Carr, Roger Thompson, Michael Thomas, Jr. James Coleman, Joseph Martin, James Lee, William Rice, Mary Patterson, Arthur Hopkins, etc. also Spurlocks.
1751 Daniel Boone's parents, Squire and Sara Boone, moved to the Yadkin Valley, in N.C. about 1751, with Daniel born 1734 (he d. 1820). Daniel's parents are buried in a frontier graveyard with crude fieldstone markers near Mocksville, N.C. Daniel and his wife are buried now in Frankfort. We visited the graves and took photographs of them. The Boones were in Pennsylvania near Reading before migrating, which is where Abraham Lihcoln's family lived before moving to the Shenan ah Valley near Harrisonburg. I also took a picture of the Lincoln graveyard there, which is being dug up by woodchucks. It is in an alfalfa field and the Pennybackers are also buried there, related to Lincolns. There is a fine big colonial farmhouse on this farm where Abraham Lincoln's grandfather lived before moving to Kentucky where he was killed by Indians about 1786.
1756-7 Fort Loudon was built on the Little Tennessee in the Knoxville region but this first attempt resulted in a massacre in 1760.
1757 Capt. John Damron was born, probably in Albemarle Co., Va.
1761 William Carson has a land grant in North Carolina, the grandfather of Kit Carson. Kit's father Lindsey later moved to Madison Co., Ky. Kit was born in the Yadkin Valley on Hunting Creek. His uncle Andrew was a famous Revolutionary soldier and scout who married the sister of Mary Young, Thomas Moody's wife. The Yadkin Valley was the cradle of overmountain Indian scouts and Revolutionary soldiers at Kings Mountain etc. Boone lived in Rowan county (cut off into David in 1836). This whole region was originally Rowan County, N.C. and the Moodys, Ladds and some Damrons were part of this frontier community.

1776 The families on the Holston had to go back to the settlements though the Cherokees were broken up. Thomas Moody was a Revolutionary soldier sent to fight at the Long Island of the Holston in 1776.

1776 July 4. Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson. Some of his ideas came down from Cromwell through Locke etc., as England was a Republic in the time of Cromwell and the Puritans 1642 to 1660. Albemarle and the frontiersmen from there supported Jefferson in Congress and as Governor.

1776 Kentucky County was formed out of Fincastle County, Va. Four years later it was divided into Jefferson, Lincoln and Fayette Counties of Virginia, but the name Kentucky was again given to these counties in 1783. In 1791 the state of Kentucky was created and admitted 1792, Gen. Isaac Shelby as first governor.

1776 Abraham Lincoln, grandfather of Abe, entered 1,000 acres of land in Kentucky. He sold his Shenandoah farm in 1780. By 1782-84 there is some evidence Lincoln was on Green River on 800 acres of land. In 1784 they were in Jefferson Co. In 1786 Abraham was killed by Indians, in presence of his son Thomas.

1776 John Damron joined the Revolutionary army, so did Thomas Moody. John Damron was sick at Valley Forge 1778.

1778 James Robertson of Virginia, who had been prominent in Watauga, set out to prepare the way for permanent occupation in Tennessee at French Lick. In 1780 another party arrived, led by John Donelson, father of Rachel Donelson, who was the wife of President Andrew Jackson.

1780 Richard Berry is said to be in Kentucky with his wife Rachel Shipley, sister of Lucy Shipley, Nancy Hanks' mother.

1780 Capt. John Damron is in Washington County, Va. and is a witness of the will of Wm. Dorton.

1780, April, Lazarus Damron enlists in Washington Co., Va. under Col. Campbell and fights at Kings' Mountain.

1780, Josiah Marcum enlists and was 18 months a drummer boy and private. He was born in Chesterfield Co., Va. 1759, and enlisted in Bedford Co., Va. moving to Kentucky after the Revolution where he resided in Lawrence County. He meantime was in Russell County, Va. with the Damrons. He fought at Camden and Guilford.

1780 The Battle of Kings' Mountain turns the tide of the whole Revolution. The frontiersmen defeated the British to annihilation. Kings' Mountain is in the Blue Ridge near Gastonia, N.C. The book KING'S MOUNTAIN, by Newsome, p. 233 says the Americans went from Cowpens, S.C. (this is where Andrew Jackson lived then), and arrived October 7, 1780. It was fought by frontier patriots, including 240 men under Isaac Shelby of Sullivan County; 240 from Washington County led by John Sevier; 400 men from Virginia under William Campbell, and 350 men from Wilkes and Surry Counties, N.C. under Ben Cleaveland and Jos. Winston. The author says one can only assume a man was from the county that his commander was from as records are so fragmentary. Many of the mountain families had ancestors in this battle whohave no record of it. At Kings' Mountain the frontiersmen killed 119, wounded 123 and captured 664. The Americans lost 28 killed and 62 wounded. The action was not under either stateor continental control or command. The fight lasted only one hour Oct. 7, 1780--they killed the British commander, Major Patrick Ferguson, and took all his men. This battle enabled General Greene to break Lord Cornwallis. It was fought by volunteers and militia without any authorization, so the men did not claim it in their pension records and often left itout of their records. Therefore it is hard to find any record of the men who fought there. They were the mountain frontiersmen who had decided to push the British and Tories out once and for all, after suffering severely from them.

Gwathmey's book on the Kings' Mountain men lists the men who fought. "James Fraley, resident of Lawrence County, Ky. served under Col. Wm. Campbell and Capt. Snody; was nine months an Indian spy in Washington Co., Va. and enlisted Mar. 3, 1779. The man who spied with him about a year was Lazarus Dameron who enlisted April 1780 for one year in Washington Co. under Col. Campbell and Capt. Snody. Campbell went to Kings Mt. Lazarus Dameron enlisted the second time when Fraley did and they went together as comrades."

1771 Surry Co., N.C. Tax list has JOHN DAMRON, NOBLE LADD, CONSTANT LADD, etc. This means that this John Damron was over 21 years of age. In 1774-5 he is brought up in a legal case in Surry for debt. Noble Ladd's will in 1782 mentions his daughter Anne.

1767 MOSES DAMERON buys land in Rowan Co., N.C. on Blackey's Branch, north side of the Dan River from Wm. Johnston. In 1770 he sells this land to Hugh Dennum, it having been a grant to Patrick Mullins. In 1767 Moses Damron also bought land of Patrick Mullins in Rowan Co., N.C. north of the Dan River, granted 1756 to Mullins at the mouth of Blackey's branch. This is near the Virginia border.

1767 Daniel Boone of the Yadkin Valley in N.C. makes his first trip to Kentucky attracted by the story of John Finley, an Indian trader, who went down the Ohio in 1752 in a canoe to the Louisville region. (Note: in 1746-7 John Finley had a lawsuit for debt in Albemarle Co., Va.) Robert King had 245 acres surveyed in 1745-6 and he and Lazarus Damron were on a case in 1745, Albemarle Co., Va. Was he the ancestor of Solomon King?

1769 Several cabins were built on the Holston and Wautaga rivers in Tennessee, then thought to be in Virginia. In 1771 a settlement was made near the present Rogersville and in 1772 another at the store of Jacob Brown on the Nollichucky.

1769, June 2, a party of "Long Hunters" went to Kentucky for eight or nine months,, about forty men, the survivors being led by Col. James Knox. Their return caused a sensation. Ramsay's Annals of Tennessee and Fain's Index says, p. 44, that the Long Hunters were "a party of forty hunters from the Yadkin Valley in N.C. who were called Long Hunters because of their long stay in the Kentucky wilderness." They were men who liked to rove and explore. They wore long hair, fringed buckskins and moccasins, and carried their long rifles and long hunting knives. On p. 95 Ramsay says that on June 2, 1769, a party of hunting adventurers went to Tennessee, including Kasper Mansco,John Baker, Abraham Bledsoe, Obadiah Terrill, Robert Crockett. They came by way of the Holston and Cumberland Gap. Some were from N.C. and SOME FROM VIRGINIA. Robert Crockett was killed at Roaring River. They hunted eight or nine months, and some returned in April, 1770. Marshall & Monette say that in New River, Holston River and Clinch River regions "about 40 stout hunters for the purpose of hunting and trapping west of Cumberland Mountains" went to the wilderness. They had rifles, traps, dogs, blankets and dressed in the hunting shirt, leggins and moccasins. The names of these adventurers are now not known. The leader and nine others of the company penetrated to the Lower Cumberland--they are known as the Long Hunters. Col. James Knox led the remainder.

In May, 1769, Daniel Boone and John Findley went to Kentucky to hunt. Boone was not with the Long Hunters but they found him lying on his back in the woods singing at the top of his lungs as if he were a boy back home (p. 47.) Boone then went with the Long Hunters to the big bend of the Cumberland River. By 1771 Boone had been away from the Yadkin Valley two years. Near the Cumberland Gap he was robbed of his furs by the Indians, all his two years' work. The Long Hunters had a camp in Wayne County near Monticello. They had a bad time and so many were killed or disappeared that only nine remained under Knox. Then twelve more joined up, but two were captured. Their names are not all known but those who lived returned to the Yadkin with tales of the new land which started the migration there. Jesse Bledsoe wrote on a tree "2300 dear skins lost, ruination, By God." He was one of the Long Hunters.

Matthias Harmon was one of the"Long Hunters," who went to the Big Sandy in 1787 with a"party consisting of Henry Harman, Henry Skaggs, James Skaggs Robert Hawes, SOME OF THE DAMRONS, anda man named Draper." Was Lazarus Damron one of the Long Hunters? Mary Irene McIntosh of Prestonburg, Ky. said she thought he might have been. The Damrons of Kentucky have a tradition that they came from N.C. before going to Kentucky. Perhaps Moses Damron who sold his land in 1770 was a Long Hunter and decided to leave Rowan Co., N.C. that year, as no further record of him in N.C. has been found though JOHN DAMRON was there in 1775, no record of him after that has been found either. These early Damrons were all Indian fighters and frontiersmen, anyway. We were not able to find any trace of Lazarus Damron in N.C., however, in 1955.

The Ladds left Albemarle and went to the Yadkin Valley, and it looks as if the Damrons of Rowan and Surry may have gone with them and are of the Albemarle Damrons. Capt. John Damron married Anne Ladd,-our ancestors. This must have been in N.C. and he must have been fighting there in the Revolution. The stream of migration went from Albemarle and the Shenandoah Valley into the Yadkin Valley and from there to Kentucky and Tennessee, with an interim period in the Cumberland Gap region, where the Damrons located after the Revolution. The N.C. government had been oppressive and settlers left because of this. The
1771 Regulator Insurrection in 1771 failed in N.C. and hundreds of Regulators made their way into the wilderness to escape taxes and punishment. In 1770 Surry was cut from Rowan and Stokes from Surry 1789.
1770 James Robertson of Wake Co., N.C. went to the Holston and found one settler, Honeycutt, living in his hut. He was the first settler and William Bean the second.
1771 The Shelbys settled on or near North Mountain, Washington Co. Evan was a son. Washington County, then N.C. was formed 1777, including all of present Tennessee. (I noted in the county records p. 10, William Aiken; p. 20 Henry Lyles, in court records, the latter selling 376 acres to Joshua Houghton,1778. Jonesboro is the oldest town in Tennessee--this is where Davy Crockett lived.
1770 George Washington set the land rush in motion to the Big Sandy river, taking out the first patent in the name of John Fry. By 1773 the frontier activity was chiefly in the Big Sandy region and Patrick Henry had a survey made here.
1772 The overmountain people who had crossed the mountain ranges were called squatters and told to vacate on Watauga. This made them angry. In 1776 a petition was signed asking to be annexed to the Provincial Congress--nearly all the signers were later at Kings Mountain--Wm. Been, Jacob Brown, John Carter, Chairman, Jacob Womack, Abraham Cox etc. Others were Wm. Cox, David Crockett, William, Daniel Morris, Shardick etc. Wm. Reeves, Emanuel Shote,etc.
1773 Daniel Boone took his family to Kentucky. No family and no female had gone before this. They were turned back by Indians.
1772 The Watauga Association was formed with its own court, as N.C. gave no protection to the settlers. This territory was annexed to N.C. 1776 as the Washington district, which became Washington Co. 1777--claiming the Mississippi river as the western boundary.
1774 James Harrod sets up the first permanent settlement in Kentucky at Harrodsburg. In October of this year the battle of Point Pleasant, now in W. Va., resulted in driving back the Indians and made settlement possible. The old fort has been reproduced and I took pictures of it in 1956, and also of the quaint little frontier graveyard adjoining it, which has stones placed over the bodies to keep off the wolves etc. The Lincoln Marriage Temple is also there and the Richard Berry cabin is placed in it, where Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks were married. The Mansion Museum has a Lincoln room on one side and a Confederate room on the other--Kentucky was neutral in the Civil War and still is.
1775 Daniel Boone founded Boonesborough, which was attacked by Indians 1777 and 1778. Boone marked the Wilderness Trail through the Cumberland Gap in 1775, the main trace for the settlers to follow.
1775 Richard Henderson of N.C. made a treaty with theIndians for Transylvania, which was declared void by Virginia in 1778. Henderson lived near the Moodys in N.C.
1775 Boone was the advance agent for Richard Henderson's Transylvania land company and with an armedband of thirty men he blazed the Wilderness Road and founded Boonesborough on the Kentucky River, top of Madison County. In 1776 Boone was a captain of militia and was captured in 1778 and taken to Detroit. His family returned to N.C. but he brought them back in 1779 and made a new settlement. He was sheriff of the new Fayette County and was representative to the Virginia legislature. He lost his best land through unfair ejectment suits and became so disgusted he took his wife, Rebecca, in 1799 to Missouri to the Osage Valley. In 1845 his body and that ofhis wife were brought to Frankfort. Boone was a remarkable man. He wrote an excellent hand and was a good surveyor. In Harrodsburg is a letter from him saying the Indians were gathering and he did not know ifhe would live to write another. His initials on the bark of a tree are also there when he lived near Harrodsburg in a cave one winter.

Capt. John Damron and Moses Damron could have been at Kings' Mountain with Lazarus Damron under Campbell. Moses Dorton and William Dorton, Jr. were at Kings' Mountain under Campbell, the former's horse being killed at Whitsell's mill. We know that in Feb. 1780, the year of Kings' Mountain, John Damron and Wm. Dorton, Jr. were witnesses to the will of Wm. Dorton in Washington Co., Va., which mentioned Dorton's wife Eliz. and children Wm., Moses, Edward and Sally. (Book 1, p. 40, p.-1344, Summers' Annals of Southwest Virginia.)

George Damron was at Kings' Mountain and is listed by White and Gwathmey as the one of Halifax Co., Va. who was pensioned in Lincoln Co., N.C. See also p. 480 N.C. Pension List. He was under Major Chronicle at Kings' Mountain. However, the pension of George Damron of Lincoln Co., N.C. says he was a prisoner from 1779 to "the conclusion of the war." Therefore, I think this may be George Damron of Amherst, who is perhaps the same George Damron in Russell Co., Va. 1793, and who went from there no doubt to Green Co., Ky. where he died 1801. This George was the son of George of Albemarle Co., Va. and 1st cousin to the other Russell Co., Va. Damrons. The George of Lincoln Co., N.C. may be of the Albemarle family also, or of the Brunswick-Caswell Damerons. George Damron of Lincoln Co. enlisted March 1777 in the Continental Service under Capt. John Dooly's horse, in Pittsylvania Co., Va. In March, 1779 he "was taken prisoner by the enemy and remained in their custody until the conclusion of the war."

The mountain frontiersmen fought in the Revolution against both the British and Tories in South Carolina, under John Sevier and Evan Shelby, in the Watauga region, chiefly as partisan rangers under Charles McDowell (1743-1815.)

1783-1790 Between these years 1,509 Kentuckians were killed by Indians.

178_ Nancy Hanks is said to have moved to Kentucky age three with her mother Lucy Shipley who married Joseph Hanks; Lucy married Henry Sparrow in 1791, a Revolutionary soldier. Another source says Nancy came to Virginia to Kentucky with her mother from 1785-89, the date not being known, but that Joseph Hanks had arrived by 1787. Warren said Nancy was born in Virginia Feb. 4,1784. It is not known where she was born but in those days "Virginia" included parts of N.C., Tennessee and border regions, so it might have been in any backwoods region. I found Berrys and Shipleys in Claiborne Co., Tenn. and in 1784 this was considered part of Virginia. Lucy m. Sparrow in Harrodsburg, Ky. Isaac lived near the Berrys of the Shelby family--the Shelbys were early settlers in 1771 near No. Mt. Washington Co., Evan being the son. Isaac Shelby commanded 240 men of Sullivan County at Kings' Mt. (He lived in Ky. near the Berrys is what I meant in above sentence.) In 1772 the land north of the Holston was thought to be Virginia, now Hawkins and Sullivan Counties. Gen. Adair was said to be a friend of the Mitchells, also. Ramsay p. 102 says the Holston river line divided North Carolina and Virginia. Each settler was allowed 400 acres if he had a log cabin built. At this time N.C. was so badly misgoverned that many settlers moved to Watauga. (When I was in Asheville, N.C. Thomas Wolfe's mother told me that Nancy Hanks' mother lived in the mountains nearby along the Pigeon, as I remember it.) It was Daniel Boone who piloted the first settlers to Watauga.

1785 The new state of Franklin was formed by the Watauga settlers, Sevier governor. By 1781 at the end of the Revolution the western settlements were swarming. Robertson was sent to the N.C. legislature and the settlements became Davidson County with Nashville as the seat. By 1790 Tennessee became a state, Wm. Blount, governor, Knoxville the capital. By 1795 Tennessee had 60,000 free inhabitants. John Sevier was governor and Wm. Blount and Wm. Cocke senators. Andrew Jackson became later the dictator in politics up to 1836. Here was the center of the Jacksonian democracy among the mountain and frontier people.

1788 John Damond (Damron) had a land grant in Greene Co. formerly N.C. of 200 acres. In 1793 Joseph Damron had a grand in Green Co. These are the Damerons who went from Halifax Co., N.C. and were cut off into Jefferson Co., Tenn.

1786 Moses Damron of the Albemarle branch buys land on Gravelly Lick, Washington Co., Va.

1786 Davy Crockett was born Aug. 17, 1786, the 5th of 9 children. His father, John Crockett, fought at Kings Mountain with the militia from Lincoln County. After the Revolution John moved from Lincoln Co. to Limestone Creek about 12 miles south of Jonesboro, and here Davy was born. Davy's grandparents were killed while living in Rogersville. Davy'sbrother Joseph, who was deaf and dumb, was captured by Indians and held 17 years. He was redeemed by his oldest brother, Wm. In 1794 John was in Jefferson Co. Davy's marriage license was found in the Dandridge County courthouse. Davy said his father was born in Ireland or on the sea. His mother was Rebecca Hawkins b. in Maryland and related to the first wife of Col. Sevier. There was a Joseph Crockett a cpt. of militia of Fincastle in the Kings Mountain Battle. (p. 164, White.) Davy lived near Dandridge, Tenn. part of his life and died at the Alamo in Texas. In 1795 JOSEPH DAMERON was on a jury in the case of JOHN CROCKETT vs. John Martin for a debt of $40.62 1/2 cents. In 1821 JOHN CROCKETT was a witness to a deed of WILLIAM DAMERON of Madison, Mississippi, for land on the Nolichucky which he sold to Isaac Curry.

Kings are among the first settlers of Tennessee, Also Coxes, Taylors, Buchanans and Crocketts. When in 1771 Evan and Isaac Shelby built a fort near Bristol, it was partly in Virginia and partly in Tennessee, so Nancy Hanks might have been born in this part of "Virginia" so-called.

In 1799 Sullivan Co., Tenn. the second county, was created by the state of N.C. after a survey showed it was not in Virginia as theretofore thought. Hawkins was formed from Sullivan by the State of N.C. 1786, while the state of Franklin was concurrently functioning. Claiborne was formed 1801 from Grainger and Hawkins.

In 1804 Joseph Dameron sold the land he lived on and moved to Lincoln Co. later. John Dameron was still in Jefferson in 1806 witnessing a deed for Joseph Dameron. Joseph's original grant was on Bent Creek on the main road from Bull's Gap and Dandridge, where his father lived in1804.

1787 Henry Harman, one of the Long Hunters, took a party of 20 men including some of the Damrons to the Big Sandy and constructed a camp, but it was destroyed by Indians.

1789 The Leslies tried to settle at the mouth of Paint Creek on Tug River but were driven out by Indians. They returned 1791 to John's Creek and settled.

1786 Moses Damron has the first deed ever recorded in Russell Co., Va. on Clinch R.

1789 Thomas Lincoln, Abe's father, lived with an uncle in Tennessee for a year, returning to Elizabethtown in Hardin County, Ky. in 1800.

1791 Capt. John Damron buys 170 acres on Clinch R. Russell Co. Va.

1793 George Damron is in Russell Co., Va. in a lawsuit, so is over age 21.

1793 Floyd County, Ky. was known as District No. 1, Floyd Co. but was part of Mason.

1794 Joseph and John Damron are in Jefferson Co., Tenn. Christopher and John are there 1808. These are the Damrons of Halifax Co., N.C.

1798 Moses Damron and wife Sarah are in Fleming Co., Ky. (later cut off into Floyd.)

1800 Elisha Damron, son of Richard, was born, probably in Russell Co., Va.

1806 Thomas Lincoln married Nancy Hanks in Washington Co. Ky. at the cabin of her uncle and guardian, Richard Berry. He m. Rachel Shipley andwas said to be in Kentucky by 1780.

1807 Sarah Bush married Daniel Johnston; she m. Thomas Lincoln 1819 and was Abe's stepmother. Her father was Christopher Bush of Elizabethtown, Ky. Dutch colonial. She had known Thomas Lincoln when she was young, living then in Hardin Co., Ky.

1808 Richard Damron has a land grant in Floyd Co., Ky. on Shelby Creek.

1809 Abraham Lincoln, the President, was born at Hodgenville, Ky. In 1816 his father took the family to Indiana.

1804 Lazarus Damron had settled in Kentucky by this year.

1809 Richard Damron is in Floyd Co., Ky. with John May.

1811 Moses Damron marries Polly Preston, Floyd Co., Ky.

1812 Moses Damron marries Jennie Mullins in Floyd Co., Ky., going to Illinois 1826.

THE MEN WHO FOUGHT AT KINGS' MOUNTAIN, 1780

I have looked up some of the men connected with the Damrons who fought at Kings' Mountain in the book by K. K. White, THE KINGS MOUNTAIN MEN. The author says the pensions do not cite the battle as it was not under either state or continental command.

WILLIAM MARTIN of Albemarle Co., Va. at age 16 ran away as a trapper and trader. He travelled with Daniel Boone and Walker 1769. He was tall and handsome and had a beautiful Indian wife, but his first wife was of a good Virginia family. He lived in Smith Co., Tenn. 1843, at Dixon's Springs.

WILLIAM COX p. 162 was under Shelby. He lived on Watauga 1775. In 1793 he was Justice of the Court. All the Justices were Kings' Mountain men. (A Benjamin Cox was in the 9th Virginia with John Damron 1776 with Lewis Bush, Jesse Clark, etc.)

WILLIAM CRABTREE was one of the Long Hunters with Knox 1770 and at Kings' Mt.

JONAH CULBERTSON was one of the best sharpshooters in Shelby's regiment.

SAMUEL DAVIS was with Kings' Mt. men with Campbell's regt.

HENRY DICKENSON p. 168 was in Capt. Colville's Company of Campbell's Regt. Record given by Draper. Colville's Co. should be looked up for Damrons etc.

JAMES DYSART b. Ireland, and on the Holston, was Capt. under Campbell at Kings' Mt. He was a Long Hunter.

JOHN ADAIR p. 114. In latter part of 1775 "They marched about the head of Clinch River, a place called Elk Garden and Blackmore's Fort. The Indians...were commanded by a chief called Logan." Was he the friend of Lincoln's family?

MATTHEW KUYKENDALL was in Campbell's regiment. Ben. and Jos. located grants in Sumner Co., Tenn. Both were killed by Indians 1792. (Smith was taken from Sumner about 1799, so Thompsons were here too. There is a book HISTORIC SUMNER COUNTY by J.S. Cisco.)

ELISHA REYNOLDS b. Wilkes Co., 1775, p. 220, was in skirmishes under Rutherford 1776, fought the Tories at New River and under Cleveland at Kings' Mt. Died age 81.

GILLESPIE, THOMAS, JR. was under Campbell at KM. Thos.and George were on the Watauga 1772. In 1786 Capt. Thomas G. settled 3 miles below the mouth of the French Broad. Other Kings' Mt. men located theirgrants in the vicinity. His fort at Watauga was raided 1774. His blockhouse on the Holston was often threatened. William G. was Capt. with Sevier in border warfare. George was brother to Thomas. (I am not sure all these Gillespies were at KM.)

CHOAT (SHOAT) p. 237, Greenbury C. was b. Virginia 1751, enlisted from Washington Co., Tenn. 1779. Was under Capt. Geo. Russell at KM. Appl. for pension 1833 from Johnson Co., Ill.

MARTIN PRUITT enlisted Washington Co., Va. and was pensioned at Madison, Ill. where he died 1841, age 92, married in N.C. 1771 Martha Woods. (Note that in the old Damron Bible in Illinois the names found were Jese Choat, William Choat, Jems Pruit.)

JOHN McLAIN b. 1760, Pa. d. Ga. 1844. He was at 96. Children David, John, Charles, Ephraim and James N., Margaret McLure, Jane Porter, Ann, who m. Alex Mauldin (?), p. 241.

COL. RICHARD ALLEN, Sr. b. Maryland 1741, in 1770 moved to Rowan Co. now Wilkes. Oct.-Nov. joined 1775 under Capt. Jesse Walter 1st Co. of Wilkes and marched to Cross Creek on Fayetteville Feb. 13 as Scotch Tories were rising. Joined by Surry militia at Old Richmond under Col. Armstrong. Marched to Randolph County and were joined by Col. Martin. Alexander Martin of Continental Line. Went to Fayetteville or Cross Creek. The day before they arrived there had been a battle under Gen. Moore's Whigs and McDonald and a victory. Walter had to take prisoners to guard to Hillsboro and was gone 2 months. Then joined Benj. Clevelandagainst the Indians 2 weeks. Tories in the Blue Ridge on the Northwest side, Gen. Lincoln. Took prisoners of Kings' Mt. to Moravian Towns in Stokes Co. and stayed awhile.

THOMAS YOUNG b. S.C. a major, pension 1838. William Young enl. S.C. d. S.C.

JOS. DICKSON of Rowan d. Rutherford, Tenn. p. 168, was Major at KM. Andrew Carson served under him. Wm. Lee Davidson was adjutant.

LAIRD, JAMES, DAVID AND JOHN were in Campbell's Regt. James and John were killed.

LEWIS of Surry at KM had 3 bros. wounded there. 22 of his family were in his troop.

DORTON, MOSES, AND WILLIAM, JR. fought at Kings' Mountain under Campbell. Moses' horse was killed at Whitsell's mill.

JOHN CROCKETT, father of Davy, was at Kings' Mt. and moved to near Jonesboro. Davy's autobiography tells the story of how his elder brother left him alone on shore and went with other boys in a canoe on the Nolichucky where they were nearly drowned in the falls. Davy said "I believed it was a punishment for leaving me on shore." John left Lincoln Co., N.C. for Tenn.

CARMACK, Cornelius and John, p. 156, were in the Fincastle troop under Christian at Kings' Mountain. Both had pensions.

CHILDERS, John and Michael were at KM from Wilkes Co.,N.C. under Cleveland.

SHELBYS were at Kings' Mountain, Evan was the son. Of Washington Co. 1771,Tenn.

HUNNICUT, JOHN, was first settler on the Holston.

PARKE, GEORGE, 1759-1837, b. Amherst Co., Va. as a boy went to the Yadkin, and was at Kings' Mt. Many Kings' Mt. men went to Sumner Co., Tenn.

ARMSTRONG of Kings' Mountain was on the Holston 1788 with other veterans of that battle. SEVIER was at one time there also. JOHN BAKER was one of the Long Hunters there. P. 153 says JOHN BROWN of Ireland b. 1738 was in 1770 on the Yadkin in Wilkes Co. and was three times in Congress.

CROCKETT, JOSEPH, was a capt. of militia at Kings' Mt. of Fincastle.

The independent State of Franklin was formed in Tennessee by Kings' Mountain veterans. They used coonskin money. See William's HISTORY OF THE LOST STATE OF F. Geo. Carmack signed the 1787 petition, also John Carson.

On p. 72, White refers to the "Cromwell stock" of Albemarle Co.,Va. By this he means they had the same ideas as the Puritans of Cromwell's time, and some Cromwells were in Russell County, Va. Jefferson and Patrick Henry were influenced by the famous Presbyterian preacher Samuel Davies, and the Baptists, Presbyterians, and other dissenters were the backbone of the Revolutionary stock. The Puritan tradition was also strong in the Episcopal Church (Church of England) in Virginia and elsewhere. The majority of the people who settled the south were the same stock and with the same ideas as those who founded New England--they were the dissenters in the Cromwell tradition. The Tories tended to be of the other tradition. By the time of the Revolution Puritan and Cavalier descendants had mixed, of course.

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GENERAL NOTES:

White on p. 64 says the Cherokees in June, 1776, attacked Watauga and on the Holston. This was when Thomas Moody enlisted and fought there. They broke up the Cherokees but the families had to go back to the settlements. P. 90 tells of the Cherokees at the Holston 1776.

For reference see Rumple's History of Rowan Co., N.C. Surry had many Indian alarms. Dykes and Bradley were among the worst Tories then, but I am not sure where they lived. In 1780 the Whigs defeated the Tories at Shallow Ford on the Yadkin. Cornwallis passed there 1781. See WPA Guide to North Carolina. It says p. 488 "Bethania was established by dissenters from Bethabara who objected to the government." The Shultz family were among the Moravians. One of the colonels of the Revolutionary troops was Henry Hampton, sent out before the Revolution.

Elisha Reynolds died Wilkes Co., N.C. 1836, and served 1776-81. He m. Judith Edwards who got the pension. This must be the Reynolds tobacco family.

Many Kings Mountain men went to Maury County, Tenn. where Shultz and Ladd went. Alex McLain from Ireland was pensioned in Lincoln 1833, and his son William was also in the Revolution. I think he was in Maury Co., Tenn.

Perhaps John Damron travelled with the Choats (Shoats), Pruitts, Gillespies and other Revolutionary soldiers to Illinois. His second wife may have been of a Kuykendall-Thompson family. The John Damron of Mississippi I am sure was of the Halifax, N.C. Damron branch.

RECENT RESEARCH ON THE PARENTS OF CAPT. JOHN DAMRON,1957

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in Northumberland Co., Va. 1652, his will being proved there Dec. 17, 1660, leaving a widow named Dorothy, ancestry unknown. No effort to trace the ancestry of Lawrence has been made, but he perhaps came from Suffolk Co., England. There were a BridgetDameron and a John Dameron, captain of a Virginia company ship, in Virginia earlier. By tracing John, one might find something of Lawrence. The British Admiralty papers would havesomething, also the records of the Virginia Company. I believe Damerinscove (Damariscove) off the coast of Maine was named for Capt. John Damrnn. Its history should be checked.

II. GEORGE DAMERON m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis 1679-80. Her ancestry has not been traced, but Dennis records might show something. Res. Northumberland.

III. LAZARUS, d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1749. His wife was Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Smith, whose ancestry has not been traced. Sons were Moses, John, George and Richard, DSP. John married probably the sister of Hugh Rice Morris of Albemarle. John d. 1757, in Albemarle , inventory Apr. 7,1757 to Nov. 9,1757. His widow may have remarried and if the 2d husband cared for her children, they might have named their children for him as if he were the father, such as if his name were Joseph or Solomon, as Capt. John Damron's were named. Hugh Morris was in N.C. and possibly the John Damron on the Surry Co., N.C. tax lists in 1771 was a son of John Dameron of Albemarle d. 1757;-who was sued for debt 1775 in Surry. George Damron's wife was Anne Thene or An Thany in 1748, which Ruth Dorius thinks was a double Christian name. (Bishop Tony 1746-7 hada survey made in Albemarle, and if this were a Huguenot name, Thene would be pronounced Tony.) There was a George Damron in Russell Co., Va. Court Order Books, 1793, Oct. Court, p. 116, Book 2. John Andersen vs. MOSES DAMRON P. S. dismissed. SAME vs. GEORGE DAMRON P.S. dismissed. This looks to be the George of Morgan's Riflemen who went on to Green Co., Ky. dying there 1801. No further record of George was found in Russell Co., Va. and he may have been in the service stationed in North Carolina, as his descendants have a tradition of coming from N.C. (C.P. Damron of Mo,,desc. of Wilson Damron, said "our family ancestors emigrated to the Carolinas from Virginia and to Tennessee.)

IV. MOSES DAMERON, JOHN OR GEORGE DAMERON. One of these was the father of Capt. John Damron b. 1757, probably in Albemarle Co., Va. I believe that Moses was his father, at present, and that John's mother may have been a daughter of Solomon King, as he named his second child Solomon, the first being Joseph b.1781. The use of the name Solomon shows that Richard and Moses of Pike Co., Ky. had a common ancestor named Solomon King, and the fact that John also named a child Solomon indicates that he was of the same maternal line. Children were named for the grandparents, also for brothers etc. The question is, why then did John name his third son William, the fourth John,the fifth George, the sixth Noble Ladd, the 7th Moses, etc.? By tracing the Kings, something could be found--they were in Albemarle, Russell and Pike Co., Ky. In 1956 Alimae Aiken went to Albemarle and reported, "There were some early Kings in Albemarle but their scant records revealed nothing." By tracing the descendants of Solomon King Damron who went to Greenup Co., Ky. 1871, his ancestry might be found. (See Mackey's History of Greenup Co., Ky. p. 150, and p. 44-G Part Two of this genealogy.) He m. Martha Ann Layne and his children were: Mary, Belle, Annie, James, Joseph Randolph, Robert O. and Richard. (Perhaps this Joseph Randolph name is the same from which Capt. John named his first child Joseph, and a search of Randolphs might be useful.) P. 44-g indicates that this Solomon King Damron was b. 1826, hence he must be a son of Richard (whose son Spurlock named a child Solomon K. Damron b. 1849.) However, unless I made a mistake, I found in Pike Co., Index to Order Book 1811-1815 S. K. DAMRON vs. JOHN DAMRON, p. 73, also Wm. M. Damron vs. Curley Smith & Co. p. 82,98. This would mean a Solomon King Damron much earlier than this generation of Spurlock, in which family the name King comes down regularly. Solomon K. b. 1849 named his sons John Hays, Moses Spurlock, James Boone, Joel, Lawrence and William Damron. The Moses who died on the trip to Illinois named his sons Moses, William and Solomon. Jennie Mullins wasa SECOND WIFE.

PART THREE: b. Chronology of the Life of Capt. John Damron.

1757, Jan. 12. John Damron was born in Virginia. The records of W.W. Damron dated 1877 say he was "born Northumberland, Va." However, present research shows that the 9th Virginia Regiment was raised in Albemarle County, Va. which indicates that he was the grandson of Lazarus Dameron, and son of either George or John who d. 1757 in Albemarle, so that he would have been born in Albemarle, Virginia, where he enlisted from in the Revolution. Charles Dameron, the Revolutionary soldier, was the sonof John Dameron of Albemarle, and possibly Wilson Dameron of Illinois was his brother.

1776, for the month of December, we find John Damron on the"pay bill of Capt. Thomas Walker's Company in the Ninth Virginia Regiment Whereof Thomas Fleming Esq. is Commander for the month of December, 1776. The Lieutenant was Wm. Henderson at $18 pr. month, which was the same pay as Lt. HudsonMartin. John Damron, private, received $6 2/3 a month. In 1777, July 16, Geo. Mathews was Col., James Culbertson, Lieut., and Peter Muhlenberg, Brigadier. Capt. Thomas Walker was the son of Thomas Walker who was the first man to explore Kentucky in 1750, and he was representative for Albemarle, Hanover, and Louisa Counties, Va., living in Albemarle. It seems clear that John Damron joined up in Albemarle as a drummer boy in 1776 (W.W. Damron and J.W. Damron's records say he joined the Revolution as a drummer boy at the age of about 17.) Among other men with him in the 9th Va. from Albemarle were: William Baily, James Eubanks, John Gilasby, killed at Germantown, Charles Goolesby, captured at Germantown and James and John who died in the service 9th Va., Wm. Henderson, Hudson Martin, David Merriwether (See Woods' Revolutionary Soldiers of Albemarle .) Also Edward Garland who was with the 9th at the battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Cootses Bridge.

1777, August, 9th Va. is in the Battle of Cooch's Bridge as Edward Garland said. The Delaware, by H.E. Wildes says: "Howe's British force,landing after a long detour from New York up the Chesapeake, fell on Philadelphia in the rear. He met a small detachment of nine hundred Pennsylvania horse and 700 Marylanders and Blue Hen's Chickens at Cooch's Bridge, in Delaware. The site, the records state, was near Iron Mountain... The American force, led by General 'Scotch Willie" Maxwell, was heavily outnumbered; the rebel arms were far inferior to those of Howe's well-equipped veterans, but the fight was stubbornly maintained. Eventually, when Howe brought up artillery, the rebels were dislodged after losing thirty killed and wounded. The Stars and Stripes had undergone its first engagement. Brandywine followed in a week, and then, successively, came Paoli and Germantown, the fearful winter at Valley Forge." The flag was adopted June 14, 1777, and Cooch's Bridge was the first battle where it was used, so John Damron fought in the first battle under the Stars and Stripes with the 9th Va. apparently.

1777, September 11, the British defeat General Anthony Wayne and George Washington at the Battle of Brandywine on the stream of that name in Pennsylvania. (Some of the wounded were cared for in the Downing barn in Downingtown, the Downings being Foster ancestors who lived near the Brandywine.) The 9th Va. was at the Battle of Brandywine, and this may be where John Damron "knew Washington", as the records say, or he may have known him at White Plains, N.Y. when his headquarters was there guarded by Virginians.

1777, October 4, John Damron is taken prisoner at the Battle of Germantown, and dropped from the payroll of Wm. Henderson. Charles Goolesby of Albemarle was captured with him, and John Gilasby was killed. James Lewis was also captured "and placed in jail at Philadelphia until June 16, 1778, when he was exchanged and returned to his regt." This must be the same history John Damron had and he must also have been with Morgan's Riflemen, the most famous unit of the Revolution, as James Lewis said: "In the summer of 1777 a regiment was made up

of the most expert riflemen, commanded by Col. Morgan. The greater part of Capt. Henderson's Co. were selected and James Lewis took charge of balance of Co. and performed duty of commissioned officer. Battles--Brandywine and Germantown."

1778, March 15 to May 1. John Damron's name is on the pay roll of "Capt. Henry Dudley's Company in the Second Virginia State Regiment, Commanded by Coll. Gregory Smith." He is a private. Harry Dudley was the son of the Duke of Northumberland and studied military science at William and Mary College. Apparently John Damron was exchanged or escaped and rejoined another company of Morgan's Riflemen in the 2d Virginia Regiment, though I do not know that these were Morgan's, but they were in the fighting from 1777 on.

1778, June. John Damron is not on the regular payroll but is on a list as No. 4 which acknowledged receipt of $16 2/3 in pay, signed for by Capt. Henry Dudley, which means that he was sick or absent--probably sick at Valley Forge when his company moved on,with five other sick men of the 2d Va.

1778, July, John Damron is shown in the list of the 2d Va. pay roll as "sick at Valley Forge, along with five other men of his company. Taply Manes was left sick at Coryell's Ferry, which is where Washington "crossed the Delaware," and another five were left sick at Princeton, N.J., or rather eight were left--of whom Wm. Fox died July 26, 1778. At this time 16 privates were sick and absent and two corporals. This line of march shows the 2d Va. was under Washington's general command and following his campaign northward. He had left Valley Forge June 20, 1778, and crossed on the 21st at Coryell's Ferry. This was a terrible time when many men died of malnutrition and exhaustion on the march because of the heat etc. On June 28, 1778, was the battle of Monmouth Court House near Princeton, N.J., then Washington moved to headquarters at White Plains, N.Y., which he left in September, 1778.

1778, Sept. 8, at "White Plains, N.Y." John Damron is shown as "Sick Prest," and is one of "The Within Soldiers are to serve untill March 1780 agreeable to an Act Assembly. H Dudley Capt 2 V.S.R." This refers to the Virginia Militia under the Assembly of Virginia, but in the Continental Line. He must have joined up when Washington started to move again for the two-year stretch in the Continental forces.

1780, March. John Damron's enlistment would be over at this time. William Bailey of the 9th Va. who enlisted for 2 yrs. was in Morgan's Riflemen and at the battles of Brunswick and the taking of Burgoyne, so John Damron may have had a similar history but we have no record of it. James Eubanks served with Wm. Baily. The Virginia militia were sent south to fight the British there where Gen. F rancis Marion was trying to hold his own in South Carolina and North Carolina. (His commissary-general was Thomas Young of N.C. who was the ancestor of the Moodys; Thos. Moody joined up as a fifer in 1776 also.) The militia were disbanded at Hillsborough, N.C. for the most part.

1781, Dec. 22. Joseph, first child of John Damron is born, so he must have been married on his release from service about 1780. Nell Pearce has an old note in her files that "John Damron and Anna Ladd were married in Cumberland Parish," and Mariam Cropper found a reference that Judith Dameron and Noble Ladd were married in "Cumberland Parish."

1791, May 19. John Damron, Jr. is "born in Virginia," as he says in the 1850 census in Texas.

1804, Feb. 8. Anna Ladd, wife of John Damron, Sr. dies, but we do not know where.

1811, Oct. 27. Agnes Damron is born in Tennessee, according to the Census.

1815, Oct. 27. Elvira Damron is born in Illinois, where her father, John Sr. was a Methodist Episcopal travelling preacher.

1835, Sept. 5. The Will of John Damron, Sr. is signed in Franklin County, Illinois, but there is no record that it was probated. His tombstone in Drake Cemetery, Franklin County, Ill. is a regulation one for Revolutionary veterans and says merely "Capt. Jno. Damron, U.S. Army, Rev. Soldier," no other dates.

In 1954, Alice Mary Aiken made a trip to southwest Virginia and found the following invaluable information, saying: "After searching everything in Russell County, I went to Washington County. There is no trace whatsoever of the Dameron name in any records in Washington County and the clerk said that he had never come across this name. There are no early marriage records in Russell County and the first will book, along with other books, were lost by fire. There were no early Methodist churches in Russell." The records show that Moses Damron had the first deed written in Russell County, p. 1, Vol. 1, 1786, on Clinch River. Lazarus Dameron or Damron had a deed on Lewis Creek 1794. Richard Damron was in a court case, 1796. These are the Damrons later of Kentucky and West Virginia.

1780, Feb.-Mar., John Damron and Wm. Dorton, Jr. are witnesses to the will of Wm. Dorton, in Washington Co., Va., which mentions his wife Eliz. and children, Wm., Moses, Edward and Sally. (Will Book 1, p. 40, Summers Annals of Southwest Virginia, p. 1344, listed wrong in the index.)

1786 Russell County is cut off from Washington, the latter being formed 1777 from Fincastle, while Fincastle in 1772-1777 was formed from Botetourt formed 1770. Lee was taken from Russell 1793 and Dickenson in 1880. (The Dickenson family are still populous in this region and "The Dickenson being tried in Washington (for collaborating with the Chinese Communists) is a descendant of this old Dickenson family of Russell Co." according to Miss Aiken.

"The county government was organized at Russell's Fort May 9, 1786, with the following officers: Alexander Barnett, county Lieutenant, David Ward, Sheriff, Henry Dickenson, Clerk. Justices: Alexander Barnett, Thomas A. Carter, Henry Smith, Henry Dickenson, David Ward, John Thompson, Samuel Ritchie. The present court house was built in 1874. The first court was held in William Roberson's house and there was some kind of temporary court house before 1874. Lebanon is the county seat of Russell Co. The oldest settlements in Russell were around the town of Castlewood.

1791, Oct. 22, John Damron buys 170 acres on Clinch River, Russell Co., Va. from Vanhook, assignee of Moses Damron, D.B. I, p. 203: "This indenture made the 22d day of October one thousand seven hundred ninety-one between Lawrence Vanhook and Rachel his wife ass^{ee} of Moses Damron and Aggy his wife, who was assignee of James Osborne, of the one part, and John Damron of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Lawrence Vanhook for and in consideration of one hundred pounds to him in hand doth grant bargain & sell to the said John Damron a certain tract or parcel of Land lying & being in Russell County on the waters of Clinch River containing one hundred and seventy acres by estimation more or less, being part of a survey granted to the above James Osborne by patent bearing date the fifth day of July one Thousand seven hundred and eighty-five. Beginning at a sugar tree in a sink hole corner to David Cowan's land thence south six degrees west to a marked buckeye tree near a branch in the line of said Cowan's thence running up the branch to a fork of said branch thence up said branch the several meanders thereof by a marked line in the line of Abraham McClenen thence north forty two degrees west to a hickory and black walnut in a sink hole north fifty-two degrees east one hundred poles to a white oak and hickory sapling on Henry Hamblen's lines and with same south eighty six degrees east one hundred and Twenty one Poles to a walnut and Hickory by a branch thence leaving said line south fourteen degrees east one hundred and eighty poles up the branch to the beginning. With its appurtenances to Have and to Hold the said tract or parcel of land with the appurtenances thereto belonging to the said John Damron his heirs and assigns forever the said Lawrence Vanhook will warrant and forever defend the said tract or parcel of land from the right and claim of any Persons whatever.

1791 Continued. "In Witness Whereof the said Lawrence Vanhook hath hereto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year above written. (Signed) LAWRENCE VANHOOK (SEAL), RACHEL (her mark) VANHOOK (SEAL).

"At a court held for Russell County the 28th day of February, 1792, This indenture of bargain and sale between Lawrence Vanhook and Rachel his wife of the one part and John Damron of the other was acknowledged in Court by the said Lawrence and Rachel his wife being privily examined as the Law directs and thereupon was ordered to be recorded. Test. HENRY DICKINSON, C.R.C."

1792, September Court, Law Order Book 2, p. 40: "Ordered that Andrew Cowan be recommended to his excellency the Governor for County Lieutenant of Russell County, Charles Bickley, Major, James Osborne, Captain, William Bolin, Lieutenant and JOHN DAMRON ENSIGN."

1793, April Court, Book 2, p. 76: "Ordered that John Damron, Zachariah Fugate, Daniel Price, James Osborne, William Stuart, John Hargis, George Kendrick, William Fletcher, John Price and James Daniel be recommended to Henry Lee, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth, and the honorable Privy Council of State as fit and capable persons for Ensigns in the first Batallion of the 72 Reg. of militia in this state.

1794, October Court, Book 2, p. 183. "Ordered that Christopher Cooper, James Gibson, and Nathan Ellington be recommended to Henry Lee, Esqr. Governor of this Commonwealth and the Honorable Privy Council as fit and capable persons for Captains in the 2nd Battalion of the 72d Regiment of Militia in this County, Zachariah Fugate, Samuel Porter and JOHN DAMRON for Lieutenants and Robert Tate, Moses Dorton, and Townsend Duncan for Ensigns."

1795, January Court, Book 2, p. 192: "Samuel Porter, JOHN DAMRON and Robert Tate Junr each produced a Commission from the Govr of this Commonwealth appointing them Lieutenants in the Second Battalion of the Seventy-Second Regiment of Militia in this County, whereupon they took Oaths of Office."

1796, October Court, Book 2, p. 326. "Ordered that John Damron be Surveyor of the road from the Double Springs to John Smith's and Samuel Alby (?) from thence to where it intersects the road near the Ford of the river, and that John Smith Gentleman furnish him with a list of Titheables."

1797, December Court, Book 2, p. 424: "An indenture of a bargain and sale of land from John Damron and Anne his wife to James and Austin Bush and acknowledged in Court by the said John Damron and Anne his wife being first privily examined as the Law directs and was thereupon ordered to be recorded." Deed Book 2, p. 467, Russell Co., Va.:

"This indenture made the 26th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand & Seven hundred and ninety Seven Between John Damron and Anne his wife of the County of Russell and Commonwealth of Virginia of the one part and James & Austin Bush of the other part, Witnesseth that the s'd John Damron & Anne his wife for & in Consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars to him in hand paid the receipt they do hereby acknowledge do grant, bargain and sell to the s'd James Bush and Austin Bush one certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Russell County on the Waters of Clinch River containing one hundred and seventy acres by estimation be the same more or less, being part of a survey granted to James Osborn by patent bearing date the fifth day of July one thousand seven hundred and eighty five. Beginning at a sugar tree in a sink hole corner to David Cowan's land thence south six degrees west to marked buckeye tree near a branch in the line of s'd Cowan's thence running up the branch to several meanders thereof by a marked line to the line of Abraham McClenen thence

1797, Continued: thence north forty-two degrees west to a hicory and Black Walnut in a sink hole north fifty two degrees east one hundred poles to a white oak and hickory sapling on Henry Hamlin's line and with the same south eighty-six degrees east one hundred and twenty one poles to a walnut and hickry by a branch thence leaving s'd line south fourteen degrees east one hundred and eighty poles by the Branch to the Beginning with its appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining. To Have and to Hold the s'd tract or parcel of land with the appertenances hereto belonging & the only proper use & behoof of him the s'd James Bush & Austen Bush and their heirs and assigns forever, the s'd JOHN DAMRON and his heirs will warrant and & forever defend the s'd tract or parcel of land from the claim or claims of all Purson or Pursons whatsoever IN WITNESS WHEREOF the s'd JOHN DAMRON and ANNE his wife have hereunto set their hands & affixed their Seals the Day and year before written. (Signed) JOHN DAMRON (SEAL), ANNEY DAMRON (SEAL).

"At December Court, 1797. This indenture of bargain and sale of land from JOHN DAMRON AND ANNEY his wife to James Bush and Austin Bush was proved in Court and acknowledged by the s'd John and Anney his wife being privily examined as the Law directs and thereupon was ordered to be recorded. Teste, Nathan Ellington."

The above was the same land bought in 1791 of VanHook which had belonged to Moses Damron, also.

1801, April Court, Russell Co. Book 3, p. 128: "Ordered that JOHN DAMRON be recommended to his Excellency the Governor of Virginia and the Honorable Privy Council as a fit and proper person for a Captain in the 2d Battalion of the 72d Regiment of Militia in the room of Nathan Ellington promoted, John Allen for Lieutenant in the room of John Damron promoted and Hugh Porter for Engisn in the room of James Flanney, resigned."

1802, January Court, Book 3, p. 176: "JOHN DAMRON produced a Commission signed by James Monroe Esqr. Governor of this Commonwealth appointing him a Captain in the 2nd Battalion of the 72nd Regt. of Militia and thereupon he took the oath prescribed by Law."

1805, February Court, Book 3, p. 368. "Indenture of bargain and sale of land from JOHN DAMRON to James Osborne was acknowledged in court by the said John Damron and ordered to be recorded." Deed Book, Russell Co., Va. 3, p. 581, 140 acres:

"This Indenture made the 26th day of February one thousand eight hundred and five in the 29th year of the Commonwealth of Virginia between JOHN DAMRON OF Russel County and the State aforesaid of the one part and James Osborne of s'd Damron for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds lawful money of the said Commonwealth to him and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained and sold and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto the said James Osborne a certain Tract of Land lying in Russel County on the North side of Clinch River containing one hundred and forty acres more or less and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a double ash on the river a little above a large fall running thence at 29 W 112 poles to pointers on a hill thence No. 62 W. 38 poles to a dogwood by a Stony Point thence along a line which runs S 33 W 114 till it extends to a stake near the head of a hollow thence along a conditional line to a white oak on the top of a ridge thence to three poplars in a Gap of the ridges thence to a white oak at the corner of Mark Whitakers field thence running with the fence to the top of the ridge to a white oak thence along the top of the ridge to two hicries on the top of a clift thence to the river to a dogwood and ash thence running up the river with its meanders to the Beginning: Which said tract of one hundred and forty acres as afores'd is part of a tract of two (or five)

hundred and eighty acres made over unto Charles Beckley and JOHN DAMRON by Nathan Walson and Mary his wife by deed the 31st day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, To Have and to Hold the said tract of one hundred and forty acres more or less with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said James Osborne and his heirs forever and the said John Damron for himself his heirs and assigns shall and will warrant and forever defend the said tract of one hundred and forty acres as aforesaid against all and every person and persons whatsoever to the said James Osborne his heirs and assigns. In witness whereof the said John Dameron hath subscribed his name and affixed his seal the day and year first above written. (Signed) JOHN DAMRON (SEAL).

"The above indentations were made before the signing and sealing thereof."

"At February Court 1805 this indenture of bargain and sale of landfrom John Damron to James Osborne was acknowledged in court by said John and ordered to be recorded. Tests. HENRY DICKERSON, C.R.C."

1810, December 4th, Book 4, p. 214, Russell County Orders: "An allowance by the Regimental court of Enquiry made to John Damron as Adjutant for the 72d Regiment for the year 1804 of twelve dollars, and another allowance made him as Adjutant for the said Regiment for the year 1805, of twelve dollars were severally passed by this Court."

1796, Book 2, p. 312, September Court, Russell County:"Henry Smith, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas Green, Defendant, IN TRESPASS."John Damron is one of the jurymen.

(Note by Alimae Aiken: "I have found no reference to Joseph Damron, son of John, perhaps he went to Lee County or some new county nearby. The Henry Hamblen whose land adjoins the Damron land in some of these deeds was an ancestor of my brother Carl's wife, Anna Hamblen. I have heard her speak of them being from this part of Virginia. Summers' History of Southwest Virginia speaks of Hamlin Fort and also of one Hamblen or Hamlin being scalped by Indians. My brother Carl's second son, Carl Howard Aiken, helped a little way down his (Moses')Clinch River during the TVA Project near Knoxville near the s tate line, by supervising the building of the beautiful little park there, moving and putting up an old water mill and building a lake which was named for him.")

From the above we see that John Damron and Moses Damron and Lazarus Damron went to Washington County with the Revolutionary veterans around 1780, John and Lazarus being Revolutionary soldiers, Lazarus being at Kings Mountain, while Moses was a famous Indian fighter. John was in the militia as captain and in 1804 was Adjutant of the 72nd Regiment, also in 1805. It would appear that he sold his land in 1805 and moved away, for the item in 1810 of back allowance could have been a claim made later on.

As Anne or Anney Damron, wife of John, died in 1804, he may have married in Russell County before moving away, and as John Thompson was one of the first Justices of Russell County when it was organized May 9, 1786, this looks to be her father, and the grandfather of Noah Thompson Damron, youngest son of John Damron. Note also that Mark Whitaker had land adjoining that which John Damron sold in 1805 on the north side of Clinch River. This would be the ancestor of the Illinois Whitakers.

By 1798 Moses Damron and his wife Sarah were in Fleming County, Ky. By 1805 Lazarus Damron and his wife Nancy were inFloyd County, Ky. when they sold their land on Lewis Creek in Russell County. However, in 1809 there isa lawsuit by Lazarus Damron vs. Christopher Hains for trespass and assault and battery in Russell County, Va.

Chronology from Records of Nell Elkins Pearce--Illinois.

1814, Oct. "is date of first record that I find of John Damron in Johnson Co. He was ment. in a law suit with Wm. Stiles and others, re. old book unbound Court Docket in Circuit Clerk's Office, Book 2, p. I.

1814."George Damron here abt. time John was, seemed to live in same neighborhood. Others who were ment. in suit with John Damron were James A. Whitesides, John Reed, John Witt.

1815 "Geo. & Jno. together July 15, re. Ct. Rec. Book #2-1814-1818, page 82. Oct. 31, 1814, Jno. Damron,Sr. (Nelly Witt) case ran to 1816, page 73, same book as above. (Johnson County Hist. p. 269, John and Geo. Damron, 1815.

"1818 Census for Ill. "John Damron, Sr., State Census for Ills. was of Franklin Co. Home: Little Salene, 2 free white males of 21 and upwards, 9 of all other white inhabitants, free people of color, slaves, servants, none, No. 67.

"1818, same county, John Damron, Jr. 1 free white male of 21 and upwards, 3 other white inhabitants, home Little Saline. No. 68.

"1818, Wilson Damron, 1 free white male of 21 and upwards, 6 other white inhabitants. No. 110, Home Muddey.

"1820, John Damron. State Census Ills. No. 159, 1 free white male of 21 and up, 3 of all other whites, Franklin Co.

"1820, No. 169, John Damron, 3 white males 21 and upwards, 7 all other whites.

"1830 Census, Franklin County, Illinois: MALES.
Washington Damron, 1 male under 5, 1 age 30-40,1 age 40-50
John Damron, 1 male 60-70.
William Damron, 2 males 5-10, 1 male 40-50.
Stephen Gill and Agnes, 1 male 20-30
Ginney Whitaker, 1 male 10-15, 2 age 15-20, 1 20-30.
John Damron, 1 male 5-10, 1 male 30-40, 1 male over 70.
Noble Damron, 2 males under 5, 1 male 30-40.
David Damron, 1 male 20-30.
Same census. FEMALES:
Washington Damron, 1 female under 5, 1 20-30.
John Damron, Sr., 1 female 15-20, 2,20-30; 1 30-40; 1 50-60.
William, 2 females under 5, 1 from 10-15, 1 20-30.
Stephen Gill & Agnes, 1 age 20-30. (This is Agnes b. 1811.)
John Damron, Jr. 2 females, 10-15, 1, 40-50.
Noble Damron, 2 under 5, 1 5 to 10, 1 age 20-30.
David Damron, 1 female under 5, 1 15-20.

"1840, Johnson Co., Ill. Census, (very hard to read, worse than 1830, which is also.) Mary Ladd, 1 male 15-20, 1 female, 20-30, 2 males 30-40, 1 female 30-40, 1,60-70.

"1840, Franklin Co. Stephen Gill, 1 male 15-20, 1 male 50-60; 1 female 10-15, 1 female, 15-20, 1 female 40-50.

"1880 Census, Johnson Co., Illinois: M. Whitaker, head of house, farmer, born Ills. father born Ills., mother born Ills.
Elvira Whitaker, age 42, wife, housekeeper, born Ala., father b. N.C., mother b. Ala. A. Whitaker, age 17, daut.; E. Whitaker, age 64, female, housekeeper, b. Ills., father b. N.C., mother b. N.C.; Amy Whitaker age 54, female, b. Ills. father b. Ills., mother b. N.C.; E. Whitaker, age 28, male, farmer, b. Ills."

Genealogy from Records of Pell Kinder, Parrott--Kilpatrick.

1816, Oct. 7th deed of [illegible] 1 tract of John Gannon, in Augusta Co. [illegible]
[illegible]
Court [illegible] Circuit [illegible] Book 2, P. 4.

1818, [illegible] John Lake Gannon [illegible]
[illegible]
Deed, June 1818.

1819 Oct. 4 deed, [illegible] July 20, [illegible]
[illegible] John Gannon, Sr. [illegible] page 17 [illegible]
above. (Johnson County Records) [illegible]

1818 Census for Ill. John Gannon, Sr., State Census for 1818, Co. of Franklin Co.
[illegible]
[illegible]

1820, same county, John Gannon, Jr. 1 free white male of 21 and upwards, 2 other [illegible] inhabitants, from Illinois Census, No. 28.

1818, William Gannon, 1 free white male of 21 and upwards, [illegible] other white inhabitants, No. 110, [illegible]

1820, John Gannon, State Census Ill., No. 109, 1 free white male of 21 and up, [illegible] of all other whites, Franklin Co.

1820, No. 100, John Gannon, 1 male under 21 and upwards, 1 all other whites.

1820 Census, Franklin County, Illinois: Males.
Washington Gannon, 1 male under 5, 1 age 26-45, 1 age [illegible]
John Gannon, 1 male 26-45.
William Gannon, 1 male [illegible], 1 male 16-26.
Stephen Gill and Gannon, 1 male 26-45
[illegible], 1 male 16-26, 1 age 26-45, 1 26-45,
John Gannon, 1 male 16-26, 1 male 26-45, 1 male over 45.
Robin Gannon, 2 males under 5, 1 male 26-45.
David Gannon, 1 male 26-45.
Same County, Females:
Washington Gannon, 1 female under 10, 1 26-45.
John Gannon, Sr., 1 female 10-16, [illegible] 1 26-45.
William, 2 females under 5, 1 from 16-26, 1 26-45.
Stephen Gill & Gannon, [illegible]
John Gannon, Jr., 2 females, 10-16, 1, 16-26.
Robin Gannon, 2 under 5, 1 10-16, 1 26-45.
David Gannon, 1 female under 5, 1 16-26.

1830, Johnson Co., Ill. Census, (very hard to read, [illegible])
Mary Lamb, 1 male 15-20, [illegible]

1840, Franklin Co., Stephen Gill, 1 male 15-20, 1 male 50-60, 1 female under 5, 1 female 15-20, 1 female 40-50.

1850 Census, Johnson Co., Illinois: [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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In connection with the tombstone, the Quartermaster General, of the War Dept., Apr. 13, 1939, wrote to Mrs. Pearce, QM, 293 A-M: "The records of this office show you requested this information in March, 1937, at which time a thorough search was made of the records, but nothing was found to indicate a government headstone was furnished for this grave... It is noted in your letter the headstone...is inscribed 'Capt. John Damron, U.S. Soldier of Rev. War.' In this connection, it is considered advisable to state Government headstones for erection in private cemeteries were first furnished in 1879 and the inscription you quote is not that of a Government headstone. All Government headstones furnished in the latter eighteen hundreds had the inscription within a shield, consisting of the name, rank and organization with which service was performed."

On 5/24/1948, she received a letter from Mrs. P.T. Chapman, Sr., Vienna, Ill. "Mark Whiteacre told me he was the grandson of John Damron. He, Whiteacre was a Capt. in the Civil War and they, the Grand Army of the Republic, were ordering stones for soldiers' graves. The "Grand Army" of this county. He suggested they order some for John Dameron and Benegar Gill, since they were in the Rev. War. The government sent them and they placed them at the graves. There is not a civil war soldier living in this county now and Capt. Whiteacre is dead. I tried to find if this organization kept a record and could find none, and I don't suppose my word would do any good. Capt. Whiteacre said the family came from Virginia."

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A note from Mrs. Pearce to Mrs. Burk says: "The old descendants of John Damron say they think the 2nd wife was 1st wife's sister. There is a great-grandson of John Jr. (b. May, 1791) now living in Utah. He says he remembers hearing his grandpa, John 3rd, say they were sisters."

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THOMPSON FAMILY: Alimae Aiken searched in Russell County, Va. for this family and wrote: "I searched a long time among all the Thompson wills and other Thompson documents for John's second wife but found nothing. I also checked the law orders again. Did not find the name Cynthia but the Celia ran through the Thompson family names. Also went back to Washington Co., Va. but found nothing."

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"I looked up all the Thompson records in Jefferson County, Tenn. in case this is our John's family," Alice Mary Aiken wrote.

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Nell Pierce had letters from Charles P. Damron, Attorney, Ozark Building, Farmington, Mo. He wrote that he was b. 1878, Vienna, Ill. son of James Wesley Damron, who was b. Weakley Co., Tenn. 1841, son of Charles (?) Damron, whom he thinks was born in Tenn. His great-grandfather was Wilson? probably. On Sept. 23, 1940, he wrote: "All I really know is what my father, who is now deceased, told me. According to his report, my great-grandfather's name was Wilson Damron. I do not know his wife's name. My grandfather's name was Charles and the maiden name of his wife was Carson, said to be a distant relative of Kit Carson. My father's name was James W. and he was a brother of Dr. John Damron and Almus G. Damron and Norvell C. Damron, the latter two being lawyers. I was born and reared in Johnson County, Ill. and came to this state in 1900. It was father's information that our family ancestors emigrated to the Carolinas from Virginia and to Tennessee; thence to southern Illinois. My father was born in Weekly Co., Tenn. 1841. I am sorry I cannot tell you anything about Captain John Damron nor his wives. It may be that he was a brother or the father of my great-grandfather, Wilson Damron. Wilson Damron was a contemporary of Daniel Boone a d tradition has it that he was with Boone on some of the latter's expeditions to this state. He is buried in the vicinity of Springfield, Missouri. ...Mrs. May Chapman at Vienna is a cousin of mine by marriage." Feb. 10,1949, he wrote: "I remember my father telling me that he and Mr. Whitaker were distant relatives. I have no doubt that my great-grandfather and John Damron were closely related. It is possible that they were brothers."

Mariam Damron Cropper saw the records of Charles Thompson Damron in Illinois including a "New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ translated out of the Original Greek and with the former translation diligently compared and revised, New York, Published by D. Hitt and T. Ware for the Methodist connexion in the United States. Paul and Thomas, Printers, 1815." She wrote: "In this book was a piece of corn husk, about this size and shape,folded so. They said that granny called this a 'shuck' and that it was used on the spindle of the spinning wheel to wind the thread on as it was spun.

"Also found in this book a piece of paper on the back of which was written John Damron's license. This is the exact wording:

"JOHN DAMRON'S license to exhort in the M.E. Church is hereby renewed by order of the quarterly meeting conference of the Golconda circuit,August the 12th, A.D. 1837. Samuel P. Burr pro tem."

"The 1837 was a bit difficult. Might have been a nine, unclosed at the top, but looked more like a 7. This makes me wonder if these licenses were issued to John Jr. and not Sr. The folk there all think John Sr. was the preacher--maybe both were.

"Also in the book was a small piece of paper, evidently names and dates but almost unreadable. Near as I could make out it was:

"John Trome Haroz (very faint)
N.T. Damron

Jese Choat ourn Mar 1836
William Choat omro Mar 1863

Jems Pruit (maybe Pring?) was mar. 1864

Jong Lisley _____ Mar 1863
Jems Gobes _____ Mar 1862

"The book shows evidence of being much used, but with great reverence. There is also evidence of water damage. See story about this.

"Following is the earliest of the three licenses we have now seen that were issued to our John Damron. Note that even this was a renewal, showing that he had had a license before 1819:

"This is to certify that JOHN DAMRON'S license to exhort is here renewed at the Q. M. held for Cache River August 21st 1819. Jesse Haile, P.E.'

"Chas. T. Damron also has a note given to John Ward by John Damron 1st day of May 1833--John Damron promises to pay Ward one first-rate yearling. He signed it with an X. (Perhaps he was aged or ill, for I thought he could read and write."

CHART SHOWING THE DESCENDANTS OF JUDITH DAMERON, DAUGHTER OF LAZARUS DAMERON, AND NOBLE LADD, HER HUSBAND

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in Northumberland County, Va., 1652. He m. Dorothy, surname unknown, and had ch. Bartholomew, eldest, George, Thomas, Samuel, Lawrence, Jr., and Dorothy, who m. Josias Gaskins and Samuel Mahan, her children being Josias Gaskins (Gascoyne) and Dorothy.

II. GEORGE DAMERON d. 1698, inherited the Guarding Point estate, Wicomico. He m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis. Their children were Col. Thomas, of Guarding Point 1683-1750; Elizabeth m. Charles Ingram, George, Inventory, 1721, m. Margaret, dau. Lazarus Taylor; she m. 2nd Thomas Winter in 1746; and Lazarus, who moved to King George and died in Albemarle County 1749.

III. LAZARUS DAMERON, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Smith, having 7 children:

GEORGE; RICHARD, d.s.p.; JOHN d. 1757; HANNAH; JUDITH m. 1753, Noble Ladd, Goochland Co., Va.; MOSES, in Rowan Co., N.C. 1753; WINIFRED m. John Thomas

JOHN, in Surry, N.C. taxable 1771?

AMOS, SARAH, MOLLY, NOBLE, HULDAH; CONSTANTINE, oldest, in Stokes Co., N.C. 1790 Census; JOSEPH, in Stokes, 1790; JUDITH m. John Barner, 1797; WILLIAM, youngest son, m. Theodosia; ANNA, m. John Damron, our ancestor, b. 1757; EDE, youngest dau. m. William Glenn, 1791, Orange Co., N.C.

1. JOSEPH, b. 1781
2. SOLOMON, b. 1783
3. BETSEY, m. Taylor Nelson, 1817
4. JUDITH, b. 1787
5. WILLIAM, b. 1789
6. JOHN, b. 1791, Virginia, m. m. Elizabeth Shultz
7. GEORGE, b. 1793, m. Elizabeth Heap, 1817, Illinois
8. POLLY b. 1793
9. NOBLE LADD, b. 1795
10. ANNA, b. 1797
11. MOSES, b. 1799 m. Susan McLain
12. CONSTANTINE LADD b. 1801, dau. Susan Emmaline
13. HULDAH MAJORS b. 1803, m. James Addleton, Illinois.

SUSANNAH b. 1816, Tenn. m. Joshua Brock
JOHN SHULTZ, 1818, m. Sally Daugherty
ANNIE LADD, 1821, m. LaRueand Stockton
MILTON WESLEY, 1823, m. Sarah Pennington
LAURA LOUISA, 1828, m. Zachariah Moore
GEORGE WASHINGTON, 1830, m. Susanna Stewart
WILLIAM WALLACE, 1833, m. Hester Elizabeth Ray
SARAH MATILDA, 1835, Barry Co., Mo. m. John Monroe Moody
CYNTHIA ELIZABETH, 1837, Barry Co., m. William Cresfield Moody
JOSEPH WARREN, b. 1841, Barry County, Mo., m. Margaret Phoebe Freeman.

Children by 2d wife, said to be sister of Anna Ladd (Damron):
14. David b. 1807
15. SUCKEY b. 1809
16. AGNES b. Tenn. 1811, m. Stephen Gill
17. ELVIRA 1815, m. Hall Whiteaker
19. MALISSA, 1818
20. NOAH THOMPSON

The following information was sent to me by Jeslyn B. Harrison, 3001 South Lincoln Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, on her branch of the family:

I. JOHN DAMRON, b. 1757.
II. ELVIRA DAMRON b. Oct. 27, 1815, d. March 10, 1888. On Jan. 26, 1832, she married Hall Whiteaker, d. March 1, 1844, in Johnson County, I believe.
III. CAPT. MARK WHITEAKER, my great-grandfather, b. Mar. 28, 1833, in Williamson County, Illinois, d. Oct. 10, 1925. He was in Company G, 120th Infantry Regt. (Ill.) in the Civil War, son of Hall Whiteaker and Elvira Damron. He married on Oct. 24, 1860, Elizabeth Deaton, b. Oct. 5, 1839, in Alabama, d. Feb. 4, 1937. They had eleven children, nine living to ge grown.
IV. MARTHA ELVIRA WHITEAKER, daughter of above, b. Mar. 3, 1866, my grandmother, married Oscar Eldon Burris b. Dec. 1, 1861, d. March 16, 1932. They had six children, four still living.

She wrote also about John Damron: "How do you know his second wife was named Cynthia? So far I have found no trace of her in the census of the 1800's, but I might yet. I haven't plowed through our Illinois State Archives in Springfield by any means. You and Annabel Walker both speak of a family book in Ill. of the Damerons. No one seems to have that, neither have they seen it, nor do they have any idea who might. If I could only locate that, it would help. No one in Illinois thought it important to leave records, or at least I can't find them. I will be more than happy to help you. Just write me and tell me what all is to be done. I started this just to please my grandmother. Now, I can't seem to stop. Martha E. Burris, is, of course, my grandmother." Martha Burris is now 88.

A letter July 15 from Annabel Walker: "I have been trying to get proof of John Damron's family in Illinois. There is a book of records somewhere. Jeslyn Harrison says she thinks Arista McElroy's (dead) daughter has them. She lives in Kansas. If I could get a photostatic copy of the records of John Damron's family from that book, it would help toget proof for my niece who is trying to join the D.A.R."

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Further notes from Ruth Damron Dorius say: "That early Union County, Ill. census I sent you had J.W. Damron instead of a Wm. This is Jasper W. along with Jefferson, David, etc. No doubt, they descend from that John in Lincoln County, Tenn. of 1820 census, not our John. It looks like a key county. Our John Damron was already in Illinois in 1820. Maybe the one in Lincoln County, Tenn. was the one that was in Georgia and came up with Crawfords, Pearce, etc. Annabel found land deed for Joseph Damron in Green County, Tenn. (N.C. formerly) 1783. Also John Damond in Green County 1788. Could beours and John could have lived in Washington County, 1780. With Ladds showing up in Maury County, our John could have travelled through Tenn. down that way or he could have been in Georgia after all. Cynthia could be daughter of Constant Ladd and born in N.C. The Damrons were mostly farm people--too busy to keep records. Seemed very interested in our government and current events. Were God-fearing and majority were quite religious. My father was President of the Society Islands Mission (Tahaiti) in the 1890's for five years. He was a Bishop for 18 years, occupation, merchant."

Ruth also sent a check on the census report of 1880 from Johnson County, Ill. (New Burnside) which gave: "Elvira Whiteker, 64 years, widow, housekeeper (has rheumatism), born Ill., father (born) N.C., mother (born) N.C."

I received a letter from Mrs. Walter Towner Jewell, saying "My husband's great-grandmother was Nancy Dameron b. ab. 1800 prob. Lincoln Co., Tenn. and m. Elisha Powers. Her father was Joseph Dameron, who m. Elizabeth Haynie. Joseph had a wealthy brother John who lived six miles from Salem in Lincoln Co., Tenn."

I received a letter from Charles Thompson Damron from New Burnside, Ill. Sept. 1, 1953, which said: "You have done a wonderful job but you have nothing in regard to my family. The Damron book will be placed in the library at Vienna. Ballance's address is Dr. M.W. Ballance, Marion, Ill. Thank you a lot, wish I could see you. I am an old retired R.R. man, 49 years service. My grandparents were N oah Thompson Damron born Dec. 12, 1823, and Mary Ann Thornton, born Dec. 23, 1827. They were married May 14, 1846, and their children were :

"1st son born May 13, 1847, died in infancy, May 17, 1847.
Isaac Jefferson Damron born June 17, 1848, moved to Oklahoma and died there.
John Ceburn Damron (my father), born Mch. 7, 1851, died Feb. 1918.

"Isaac Jefferson Damron has some children in Oklahoma some place."

He also sent his great-grandfather as John Damron, Sr. born Jan. 12th, 1757, and listed the "sons and daughters" as I have them in this book, but noted after Elvira, 8th daughter, b. Oct. 27, 1815, that "she raised my father," and"Noah Damron married Mary Ann Thornton."

I had no information about this family until Ruth Damron Dorius sent me the following "From Records of Charles Thompson Damron, New Bernside, Ill. John Cebern and Lucinda C. Cook was married 3 Jan. 1872, children:

"Nora Jane Damron was born 15 Nov. 1873. Nora Jane died.
Charles Thompson Damron was born 16 July 1875.
Maudy Luvina Damron was born 2 Apr. 1882. Maudy Luvina died.
Frank Norval was born 26 Jan. 1887.
Samantha Alice was born 21 Feb. 1891.

"Frank N. Damron was born 26 Jan. 1887, died 6 Dec. 1929, age 41 yrs. 10 mths. 10 days married Mary Murphy 8 Aug. 1912. He leaves to mourn his departure a wife and two children and his mother L.C. Damron of New Bernside and one Brother, C.T. Damron of Corner Mills and one sister, Alice Lambert of Ozark, Ill.

"C. T. Damron and P. M. Parker. Patience M. Parker was born 8 March 1875. 20 Dec. 1896. Children: Loraine Damron, 1st daughter, born 30 Jan. 1898, died 3 July, 1898. Eunice Irene born 5 May 1900. Ina Lucile b. 12 July, 1903.

"N:oah Thompson Damron was born 12 Dec. 1823. Mary Ann Thornton was born 23 Dec. 1827. They was married 14 May, 1846. (Note: John Cebern and Isaac Jefferson were raised in the home of Elvira Damron Whitaker, as both parents, Noah Thompson and Mary Ann Thornton died very early. Pony says the relatives all called Noah Thompson 'Uncle Thomp.' Pony lived with her grandma Elvira. Cynthia was supposed to have moved in with Elvira after John's death. Was also told that both Elvira and Cynthia smoked little stone pipes. Raised a bit of their own tobacco. Said the custom was to leave the dinner dishes on the table, retire to easy chairs and light up. Said the room would be so thick with the strongest tobacco smoke imaginable that a stranger coming into the room would be practically suffocated. When these little pipes needed to be cleaned, they were simply thrown into a good hot fire (in the fireplace) and burned clean. The family then as now was known as affectionate, loving with each other; easy going even tempers, but given to 'righteous wrath' on occasion."

THE CHARLES DAMRON FAMILY OF ILLINOIS

The Charles Damron family of Illinois were closely related to the John Damron family, apparently,but we do not so far know exactly what it was. Wilson could have been the brother of John. The following letter was found in the old papers of J.W. Damron, Jr.

"C.N. Damron, Attorney at Law,
Office 543 3rd Street, San Bernardino, Cal.
10 June, 1907.

"J.W. Damron, Jr.

I will call you Dear Cousin,

"Today in looking over some old papers and letters I ran across yours to me of 4 Oct.1904. I am certain from what you say that we are of kin. You mentioned that your father moved from Texas in 1857. I expect he used to live in Weakly Co. Tenn. or he might have lived in So. Ill. John is a very common name in our family. You mention Sarah Shultz being your Father's Mother's name. I remember the Shultz name. They were related to us in Weakly Co., Tenn. They lived North and a little way across the north fork of the Obine River. I remember one of the young men, I think he was called 'Felty' Shultz.

"The McDaniels and McLeanslived on the north side of the said river from us, They were kin-folks too. My grandmother (my Father's Mother). Your Father going to Texas in an early day is enough proof that he is of kin to the large Damron family. They started from the State of Virginia then to Kentucky, Southern Ill., Western Tenn., Mo., and Texas.

"Ask your Father if he remembers my father Chas. C. Damron. My Uncle Sam. Damron lived and died in Weakly Co., Tenn. He was the youngest one of my Father's family. We moved from Weakly Co., Tenn. to So. Ill. located about 30 Mi. from Cairo in 1851. I don't remember whether I have answered your letter,for this reason I write this.

"The Damron family as far as I know of have always been on the Daniel Boone order, marching to the West. About 3 yrs. ago I met your Uncle John M. He came to our city had a son with him about 50 yrs. old. He invited me to attend his family reunion on his birthday. I was sick could not go. If you come this way any time, will be glad to see you.

Yours very truly,

C. N. Damron."

(John M--Moody?)

This would be the same McLean family as the mother of Sarah Shultz, and Wilson Damron b. Va.who was a scout with Daniel Boone, married a McLean. The above C. N. Damron appears to be the son of C. C. Damron b. about 1801 in Ky., who must have been a son of Charles b. Ky., lived in Illinois. (Seecensus records.) Samuel listed as born in N.C. 1793 must also have been a son of Wilson--but how did he get to N.C. John S. Damron appears to be another son of Wilson b. 1799 in Virginia, with Judith Winnefred age 89 years on the census. We find George Damron b. Ky. with wife Delilah--was this the son of John Damron b. 1757?

Charles Thompson Damron sent the following letter to Ruth Dorius, Sept. 30, 1953: "Well, here is another Damron I never heard of before. They are scattered all over the U.S. Sure was glad to get your letter and am sorry to hear that Miriam is in poor health. I sure was glad to meet her as she sure is nice. Now about John Damron, yes, he was married twice. His first wife was Anna and they had 13 children. Anna died and he married Cynthia Ladd the sister of his first wife and they had 6 children, think of that--19 children. Boy, he was some man. I sure would like to meet you and I know you are busy trying to get all the Damrons lined up and take care of your family. No, I am not hurt because you all have failed to get me in on this as have not given this much thought. Miriam took down all I had when she was here and I supposed it would be in the records but maybe we can get this all fixed up. I am the only one left of my family. I had one bro. Frank Norval and one sister Samantha Alice that lived to be up in years and they are gone. Norue has one son John Lawrence and lives in Marion, Ill. Sister Alice has one son, J.D. and is somewhere in the south as I do not hear from. I have two girls from my first wife, Eunice Hood lives in Harrisburg, Ill. and Ina Winkler lives in Horney, Ill. Am married the seaond time to Verna and she is a good wife to me and that is a lot to be thankful for but she is bothered with thyroid trouble. Well, I am an old retired R.R. man put in 49 years and 3 months for the New York Central. Was 78 yrs. old last July and am in fair health and thank the good Lord for it. I am a Methodist and a Republican. How does that hit you, ha! If you think I have something that would help in this Damron history, let me know and I will send it to you. I forgot I had three sisters that died in infancy and I had another daughter that died in infancy. Hope you can read this as I am a little shakey."

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Annabel Walker received from Mrs. George A. Damron, Tucson, Ariz. the following: "Excerpt from a letter written Nov. 18, 1936, from Joseph W. Damron: 'I am getting a lot of Damron genealogy and inclose herewith a full record of the large family of our great-grandfather and his wife Anna Ladd, also the children from his second wife, whom he married after Anna Ladd died. I did not know he had two families until I received this. I also inclose a copy of his will, I have names and two wills of generations ahead of this one." Then on Sept. 3, 1937, he wrote: "I have written to Will Damron (this Will Damron (dead) was the son of William Damron, son of William Wallace Damron, Arizona. He was living in Owensboro, Kentucky, at this time) in Kentucky. I never ask him for financial help. But in looking on the map I found that Owensboro is not far from Harrisburg, Ill. so I ask him if hecould find a record of John Damron's second wife's death, and I think in that way we will find out what her name was and perhaps get some more family genealogy."

Christa L.W.G. Damron wrote: This is the record which he mentions above, copied from the book just as it was. This record of births and deaths of the family of John and Anna Damron was found in a book loaned to Wirt Damron by Mrs. Arista McElroy of Harrisburg, Illinois.(I do not now who this Writ Damron was.)" The list enclosed begins: "John Damron, Senior, was born January 12, 1757. Anna Damron, his wife (first) was born on the 4th day of March, 1765. Anna Damron departed this life on the 8th day of February, 1804. Sons and Daughters: Joseph Damron,the first son, was born on the 22d day of December, 1781." The information is the same as on p. 5 of this book except that all dates are spelled out and all words also. However, it spells the name Hulda, not Huldia, and adds to Suckey: "Suckey Damron departed this life on the 9th day of August, 1810." (I believe Nell Pearce has a photostat of the original page of the book--H.F.S.)

THE DAMERON AND SHULTZ FAMILIES IN MISSOURI

As we see the Damrons moved from Weakley County, Tenn. to Barry County, Mo. and were in Missouri from 1835 to after 1841. The oldest child of John Damron Jr. Susannah m. Joshua Brock b. about 1811 in Missouri. Ruth Damron Dorius found an interesting reference to this: From Goodspeed's History of Newton County, Mo. First pioneer marriage of Newton County was Joshua Brock and bride was a daughter of pioneer Dameron who lived near SARCOXIE on Centre Creek. At Dameron's house they were united by Sq. Vivion and Brock took his wife to his new cabin--all furnished--leaving a merry party to celebrate the event at his father-in-law's. (There is a VanBuren township in Newton Co.)"

Grand Jurors: Moses Dameron, Neosho, 1841. J. K. Choate, Sheriff, 1858. R.W. Crawford, attorney. Methodist Church organized at Joplin 1840.

Sarcoxie is a town now in Jasper County near the border of Newton and not far from Joplin. Neosho is county seat of Newton, which adjoins Barry and is on the Arkansas border. "In 1835 Barry Co. included all of McDonald, Newton, and Jasper on the west, also Lawrence and parts of Barton and Dade; also in 1835 a narrow part of Barton and Dade. Newton was cut off in 1838-39. This change in the western boundary of Barry Co. necessitated a change in the location of the county seat which had been Mt. Pleasant about a mile and a half west of Peirce City (as it was originally spelled) and later settled. Mt. Pleasant was on Clear Creek on a part of 'Wild's Farm.' The new county seat was laid out southeast of where Monett is now situated. On old maps it was called McDowell. It is near the middle line of Barry Co. from west to east but in 1844-45 another county, Lawrence, was carved and left McDowell many miles from the center of the county, so the change of seat was advisable--hence Cassville (Historic Spots in Old Barry County--reference.)"

BARRY COUNTY, Mo. In Mt. Pleasant were Thomas Carney, Thom. Stockton, Geo. Wilson At Shoal Creek near Newton Co. line was McDonald. In Nov. 1842 the line between Vineyard and Mt. Pleasant was changed. Capp's Creek township was set off from Mt. Pleasant and Shoal Creek in 1845. James Wilson, Sr. and wife Mary came from Penn. 1774 to Rowan Co., N.C. Some of the children married into the Glenn and McAllphin families.

BARRY COUNTY: John R. Shultz, Justice of the Peace, performed marriages 1837-38-39, none after. (See Goodspeed's History of Barry County, Mo.)

Joshua Brock's house was on Shoal Creek, Mt. Pleasant township.

John Shultz apptd. Judge for Tryon township, May 19, 1835.

George Dameron was administrator of the estate of Jacob Cogle, 1836.

George Damron apptd. viewer of new road from Mt. Pleasant to VanBuren, Nov.1836.

GREEN COUNTY early settlers: John Pennington, John M. Richardson edited 'Southern Flag.'

Ruth Damron Dorius also has a note: "J. R. Shultz did road work in Giles County, Tenn. about 1810-13."

On Sept. 1, 1953, Annabel wrote: "I have been ill with a heart ailment... My daughter, Mrs. Roy Sundstrom's husband has been studying for his Master of Education degree. They live at 415 W. Broadway, Montesano, where she teaches in elementary school. Dorothy was born in Hoquiam Dec. 30, 1909. Has had a fine musical education and was mentioned in Who's Who of the "International Who's Who in the Musical World," 5th ed. She made a name for herself as a rural school music teacher. She is a singer but is not keeping it up. Both Dorothy and Pat are Delta Gammas. Dorothy was a Delta Gamma at Whitman College, Walla Walla. Her father's grandparents helped found Whitman and also Pacific Univ. at Forest Grove where they lived in later years. Mary and Elkanah Walker were members of Marcus Whitman's missionary band, seven married couples who crossed the Rockies in 1838. The Walkers with the Cushing Eels formed the Tshimakain Mission near Spokane. My husband was named for his famous grandfather. There are two books written on Mary and Elkanah Walker... We have been very wealthy, made it in the logging business. Now I am one of the poorest. We have a wonderful son Richard G. Walker b. in Hoquiam Nov. 10, 1915. He is now in Washington, D.C. with Philco. Co. under contract to the Navy. Our youngest daughter Betty (Mary Elizabeth) is a jewel, beautiful as well as smart... I would love to see you and Ruth and Mariam and those lovely Illinois relatives. I am a life member and Post Matron of Mizpah Chapter Order of Eastern Star. My mother was a charter member and Post Matron. My father also was a Mason. I wrote the history of Mizpah Chapter, O.E.S. for them on the 60th Anniversary recently. ... I want to tell you how thrilled Elizabeth Damron Young is over your work. She loves it."

On Oct. 26, 1953, Annabel wrote again: "A lady from Texas wrote me she thought the Penningtons and Damrons knew each other before coming to Texas and might be related. Sarah, daughter of John Pennington, was b. in Mo. Tyler's history says John Pennington came from Illinois to Texas. I am wondering if Mercer's colony left from Ill. Both John Pennington and John Damron were members of Mercer's Colony 1844. John Pennington's descendant says there were 109 in the Mercer colony he came with. Did you notice one of Joseph Damron,Jr.'s sisters was named Jemima C., also Constantine's daughter Susan Allphin, named one daughter, Anna P. and another Rebecca P. That P. is probably for Pennington or Pruit. Maybe John's second wife was Jemima Pruit. The relatives in Illinois only know her as Granny. Maybe both of John's wifes were named Anna."

On Nov. 25, 1953, she wrote: "We live in a house that my sister and her husband Will Winters' built almost fifty years ago. It belongs to me. We moved into it soon after the big crash, when we lost everything and had to sell a beautiful home my husband built for me when I was still a bride and we lived in thirty years. I don't mind it now for taxes are so high and the house would be a white elephant. . . . My mother and father were strong Democrats. But they believed in the rights of the people. Dad was against the big Unions, and if he had lived I am sure he and mother would have voted the Republican ticket this time as we did, for it was a time for a change. ... Mother died in 1928 and father 1929. We had a lovely old home, lived well, had nice friends. There were eight of us children. Maude became a school-teacher, Mary did office work., John M. is a teacher just retiring after over 30 years teaching in Los Angeles, Calif. Lloyd L. Richardson became an engineer, ocean, and is now inspector for Union Oil. Co. boats in Belgium. Lorain died when he was 19 years old, is buried in Santa Ana, Calif. I went to a business college, worked in an office and got married. Dad made us all understand we must have an occupation of some kind to get through life. He was a wonderful father... I am too outspoken for my own good. I never hesitate to say what I think but still am not mean.... I am searching for Damrons who have old Bibles. Too bad we didn't have someone like you when so many of the older Damrons were living. Your bookis really delightful reading all the way through. I love all the many side stories, including Mark Twain. One thing I have noticed--you and I think alike," etc. etc.

IV. WILLIAM WALLACE DAMRON, JR. b. 13 Nov. 1867 (or 1869?), d. 6 Aug. 1909, and was buried in Thatcher, Arizona. He was son of William Wallace Damron and Hester Elizabeth Ray. On 10 June, 1889, at Central, Arizona, he married Mary Elizabeth Garner b. 25 Oct. 1870, at N. Ogden, Utah, d. 15 Dec. 1949, at Mesa, Arizona, and was buried 17 Dec. 1949, at Mesa; dau. of David Garner and Mary Louisa Whitmore. (Note: Mary Louisa Whitmore crossed the plains with the two Damron sisters, Cynthia Elizabeth and Sarah Matilda, and was one of their closest friends.) Information from Mrs. Jack M. Schnepf, P.O. Box 55, Queen Creek, Arizona, shows the children as follows:

1. William Wallace Damron b. 29 July, 1890, at Thatcher, Graham County, Arizona, d. 1. Aug., 1941, m. Dessie Stewart.

2. Lucian Franklin b. 28 Nov. 1892, at Thatcher, m. in 1912, Vera Wild.

3. Leroy Joseph b. 26 Apr. 1895, at Thatcher, m. Emily Brown.

4. Lucy Elizabeth b. 6 Sept. 1897, at Thatcher m. May, 1916, Alexander Chesley.

5. Maude b. 4 June, 1901, at Thatcher m. at Mesa, Ariz., Apr, 1921, Raymond Merrit (Jack) Schnepf b. 25 Oct. 1902, at Pioneer, Iowa, son of Killian Cornelius Schnepf and Clara Belle Young. Their children were:

(1) Raymond Duane Schnepf b. Sept. 22, 1922, at Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, m. 18 Dec. 1941, Thora Norton b. 3 Aug. 1922, dau. of John Norton and Orpha Maria Marble. Their children are: Duane Dale b. 13 June, 1944, at Mesa; and Lonnie Ray b. 17 Apr. 1946, at Mesa, Arizona.

(2) Delbert Dale Schnepf b. 13 Oct. 1924, at Mesa, Arizona, m. 29 June, 1944, at Tempe, Arizona, Thelma Foreman, b. 16 Dec. 1925, at Sweet Water, Texas, dau. of John Foreman and Viola Foreman. Their child, Victoria Louise Schnepf was b. 20 Mar. 1953, at Mesa, Arizona.

(3) Maudene Elizabeth b. 23 Aug. 1927, at Mesa, Arizona.

(4) Max K. Schnepf b. 22 Dec., 1929, at Tempe, Arizona, in Maricopa County, m. 15 May, 1950, at Mesa, Arizona, Carolyn Ellsworth b. 3 June, 1933, at Mesa, Arizona, dau. of Donald Ellsworth and Margarette Cooper. Their children are: Dana Marlane b. 22 Apr. 1951, at Mesa, and Larrie Dean b. 3 Apr. 1953, at Mesa.

(5) Jack Eldon Schnepf b. 21 Oct. 1932, at Tempe, Arizona, m. 23 Dec. 1949, at Florence, Arizona (endowed and sealed in Arizona Temple, Mar. 1951), Joanne Rowley b. 26 June, 1934, at Mesa, Arizona, dau. of Edwin Jesse Rowley and Rosilla Allen. Their child Nandena was b. 10 May 1951, at Mesa, Arizona.

(6) Don Lucian b. 12 Aug. 1937, at Mesa, Arizona.

(7) Darel William b. 31 Jan. 1939, at Mesa, Arizona.

IV. HESTER ELIZABETH DAMRON b. 12 Apr. 1883, at Deseret, Millard Co., Utah, (according to records of Thelma Millett), m. James Edmond Young b. 20 Aug. 1883, at Central, Arizona, d. 16 July, 1950, of cancer, at Thatcher, Arizona, buried 17 July, son of John Dagbert Young and Sarah Ann Lee. Their son was: Edmond LeRoy Young b. 24 May, 1913, at Fruitland, San Juan County, New Mexico; m. 14 Feb. 1942 Lucile Bergren, and their son Arthur James b. 15 Oct. 1945, at Thatcher, d. 6 Jan. 1946. He was divorced and m. (2nd) Ester Crane 8 Sept. 1952, at Santa Fe, N.M.

HESTER ELIZABETH DAMRON YOUNG--IN MEMORIAM

The following was sent by Christa L. Damron at the time of the death of Mrs. Young: "Hester Elizabeth Damron b. 12 April 1883, at Deseret, Millard, Utah, d. 8 Nov. 1953, Safford, Graham, Ariz., buried 9 Nov. 1953, at Thatcher, Ariz. Saturday evening about 6 p. m. while apparently attempting to cross the street in the city of Thatcher, Mrs. Elizabeth Damron Young was struck by a car. As a result of the accident, Mrs. Young sustained injuries which resulted in her death Sunday morning about 9 a. m. She passed away in the Safford Hospital.

"Hester Elizabeth Damron Young, daughter of William W. Damron and Hester Elizabeth Ray, was born at Deseret, Millard, Utah, 12 April 1883. She came to Arizona with her parents at the age of three months, settling in Thatcher. Here she was reared and received her education, graduating from the St. Joseph Academy. Following her graduation, she taught school for a short time, then was married to James Edmond Young 25 July, 1912, at Thatcher, Ariz. To this union one child, a son, Edmond Leroy, was born 24 May, 1913. Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Young moved to Farmington, New Mexico, where they resided for four years before returning to Arizona. In 1920 they moved again to Thatcher, establishing a home in which Mrs. Young has since resided.

"She was a true Arizona pioneer, with her sterling character and cheerfulness. She gave many years of faithful service to her church, relatives, and friends."

She was survived by her son, Edmond Leroy Young, and his son by Lucile Bergen, Arthur James b. 15 Oct. 1945, at Safford, Arizona. (Note errors on p. 21-a.)

A letter dated Nov. 17 was sent by Zola W. Claridge: "Our little Elizabeth Young was struck by a car and died the next morning. I was at the scene of the accident very shortly after it happened and she looked up at me and said, 'Oh, I am so glad you are here, Zola, and don't leave me a minute. I am hurt bad, something hit me.' So you see, the poor little thing did not see the car. A six-man jury inquest decided that the accident was unavoidable and I am sure that it was as eye witnesses testified that she walked from behind her parked car right into the path of this car driven by a lady from California. It is so tragic but I am sure that God knows best and she might never have walked again as her pelvis bone was broken four times and her shoulder twice. I went to the hospital with her in the ambulance and she talked to me all the way but I felt sure that the poor little thing was hurt badly. I stayed with her until the last breath was drawn but she was only conscious about two hours. We will miss her so much and my poor little mother, I feel so sorry for her as she always phoned her or saw her every day and in fact she lived with us a lot as she just couldn't live alone and when she had no one with her she always ran to our place. In fact, she was living with us when she had the blood clot set up in her foot that I wrote you about. I took her to the hospital in the night when that happened. She had no daughters and depended a lot on me as I drive very well and am always here on account of my mother as she is constant care to me. It is a great consolation to me that I did do all I did for her. This has hit me square in the face and it hurts me very much but we must consider the hand of God in everything. I am enclosing a picture of the three sisters. I would love to see her picture go into the book. My mother in this picture was 81 years, Aunt Lizzie 70 years and Aunt Nellie (Ellen) is 72 years. I am sorry that their eye glasses were on as it does not do them justice."

Annabel Walker wrote from Hoquiam: "I was so sorry to hear about Elizabeth Damron Young. It really made me feel sad for I was going to write her. She and I did think alike." From reading their letters, it seemed to me that Elizabeth Young and Annabel Walker were what M.F. Cleaton calls "real Damerons," and they seemed to be very much alike in personality and ideas. Apparently a "real Dameron" is someone who is generous and concerned with matters outside their own personal sphere a good deal.

The following additional information on the children of William Wallace Damron b. 23 March, 1833, and Hester Elizabeth Ray b. 25 March, 1844, was collected by William Alfred Moody:

IV. JOHN MILTON DAMRON b. 20 Aug. 1865, at Petersburg,Ut., d. 27, Jan. 1939. He married Mary Ann Luella Cluff b. 10 Feb. 1871. Their children were:

1. Lula Damron b. 21 Oct. 1907, at Thatcher, Arizona, d. a child.
2. Ruth Hester Damron b. _____, died a child.
3. Mirl Damron b. about 1911 was married, a grandmother and was living in 1953. No further information.

IV. JOSEPH VERNON, son of William Wallace Damron and Hester Elizabeth Ray, was born 14 April 1874, at Kanosh, Ut., d. 8 March, 1941. He married Armelda Ferguso. b. 6 Feb. 1884, in Lawrence Co., Ky. Their children were:

1. Armelda Damron b. 23 Feb. 1905 m. B.W. Savage. She was b. at Central, Ariz.
2. Joseph Vernon Damron m. Ruth Smith. He was b. at Thatcher, Arizona.
3. William Ray Damron b. 25 May, 1908, at Thatcher.
4. Lewis Milton Damron, b. 6 Jan. 1911, d. 29 Jan. 1911. He was b. at Thatcher.
5. Mary Annie Damron b. July ___, 1913, m. J.C. Pilcher. She was b. at Thatcher
6. Chester Furgeson Damron b. 13 Aug. 1916, m. Fay Peck. He was b. at Thatcher.
7. Hester Elizabeth Damron b. 31 Dec. 1919, m. Lorenzo Vaughn Brimhall.
8. John Henry Damron b. 25 March 1923 m. Betty Garvin.
9. Betty Lou Damron b. 7 May, 1926, died 30 May, 1927. All three of the last named children were also born at Thatcher, Ariz.

IV. EUGENE DAMRON, son of William Wallace Damron and Hester Elizabeth Ray, was b. 8 Nov. 1876, at Kanosh, Ut., and died 25 Dec. 1903. He m. Harriet Moody b. 11 Dec. 1884, at Luna, New Mexico. Their children were:

1. Reta Damron b. 11 Jan. 1904, at Thatcher, Ariz. m. Ruben Bowman.
2. Theodore Damron b. 7 May, 1906, at Thatcher, d. 27 May, 1920.
3. Floyd Damron b. 10 Oct. 1908, at Thatcher, m. Ella Cotchner and (2) Sybel Daniels.
4. Buren Delbert Damron b. 20 Jan. 1911, at Thatcher.
5. Ralph Milton Damron b. 27 Feb. 1912, at Thatcher, m. Orene Cumbee.
6. Virgil Damron b. Feb. 10, 1915, at Sheldon, Arizona, m. Cella May Lamb.
7. Vera Damron b. 10 Feb. 1915, at Sheldon, d. 6 June, 1918.
8. Ollie Louise Damron b. 9 Sept. 1917, at Chandler, Ariz. m. Raymond Godfrey.
9. Ellen Leora Damron b. 29 Aug. 1920, at Chandler, m. Grant Allred.
10. William Wallace Damron b. 29 Aug. 1925, at Thatcher, Ariz.

IV. ELLEN DAMRON, daughter of William Wallace Damron, Sr. b. 24 March, 1881, at Deseret, m. 25 Aug. 1907, Harry Clifford White, b. 15 May, 1875, at Rochelle, Ogle Co., Illinois. Their children were:

1. Rua Eleanor White b. 15 Dec. 1910 at Thatcher, Arizona, m. Arthur Tewksbury 9 Nov. 1929.
2. Olla Beatrice White b. 24 May, 1912, d. 30 June, 1912.
3. Harry Clifford White b. 6 Sept. 1916, at Clifton, Arizona.
4. William Thomas White b. 29 May, 1918, at Clifton, Arizona.

IV. ELZY DAMRON, son of William Wallace Damron and Hester Elizabeth Ray, b. 3 Jan. 1879, d. 16 July 1930, m. Emma Naylor. Their children were:

1. William Ellis Damron b. 16 May 1913, m (1) Frances Lamb, and (2) Ellen Ruth Kornock.
2. Florence Mabel Damron, b. 2 Feb. 1915, m. Bryce Waddell.
3. Lavetta Elizabeth Damron b. 19 Dec. 1918 m. (1) Seth Holliday, (2) S. Welker, and (3) Merlin Carter.
4. Emma Matilda Damron b. 8 Feb. 1922, m. Archie Jenkins.
5. Wallace Woodrow Damron b. 1 March 1924.
6. Elzy Damron b. 6 May, 1929.

IV. GEORGE A. DAMRON, son of William Wallace Damron and Hester Elizabeth Ray, was b. 15 June 1887, at Central, Arizona, m. 15 Dec. 1907, Flossie Letta Jones b. 12 July 1892, at Pittsburg, Kansas, d. 14 May, 1925. They were married at Solomonville, Arizona, and lived at Clifton, Arizona. Their children were:

1. George Edwin Damron b. 4 Jan. 1910, d. 19 Aug. 1942, m. Margaret Lee Barrows. Their children were: George Richard Damron b. 11 Jan. 1934, at Tucson, Ariz., d. 17 Jan. 1934; Edwin Lee Damron b. 13 Feb. 1935, at Tucson, Ariz.; Thomas Marshall Damron b. 12 Nov. 1936, at Tucson, Ariz.

2. Evelyn Leah Damron b. 7 June, 1912, at Clifton, Arizona, m. Earl Hurbert Branham Rogers b. 17 April, 1911. They were married 7 Feb. 1931. A daughter, Jackie Earline Rogers was b. 2 Sept. 1931.

3. Flossie Lucille Damron b. 19 Dec. 1913 at Clifton, Ariz. m. 29 April, 1932, Thomas Edward Allen b. 3Feb. 1910. Their children were: Georgia Sue Allen b. 17 April, 1933; Joyce Lucille Allen b. 9 Oct. 1937.

4. Loraine Damron b. 18 April, 1915, at Clifton, Ariz. m. 10 May, 1933 Brodis Vivian Green b. 18 Dec. 1911, Franklin Co., Texas. Their children were: Vivian Leta Green b. 2 Dec. 1933, at South Pasadena, Calif.; Lillian Diane Green b. 4 March, 1935.

5. Lillian Damron b. 18 April, 1915, and d. 15 June 1916.

6. Clara Elizabeth Damron b. 15 April, 1917, at Clifton, Ariz. m. 4 July, 1935, Harold Charles Slaminaski b. 23 June 1910, at Warsaw, Wis. Their child, John Michael Slaminaski was b. 9 Sept. 1938, at Tucson, Ariz.

7. Olla Irene Damron b. 6 July, 1919, at Hatchita, New Mexico, m. 29 July, 1939, James Marvin Owens b. 28 Dec. 1917. Their daughter, Sharon Ann Owens was b. 28 March, 1941.

8. William Nathan Damron b. 4 March, 1921, at Hatchita, N. M., m. 4 Aug. 1940, Marion Bethene Marsch b. 5 July, 1921, at Kinsley, Iowa. Their children were: Nancy Bethene Damron b. 18 Jan. 1941, at Tucson, Ariz.; William Nathan Damron b. 2 Jan. 1944.

9. Jack Richard Damron b. 14 March, 1924, d. 19 Jan. 19___.

After the death of his first wife George A. Damron, married Christa Lillis Wilkins b. 25 Dec. 1888. They were married 7 Aug. 1926, no issue.

V. LUCY ELIZABETH DAMRON, fourth child of William Wallace Damron, Jr. and Mary Elizabeth Garner, b. 6 Sept. 1897, at Thatcher, Arizona, married 13 May, 1915, Andrew Chesley b. 19 Dec. 1888, at Nutrioso, Arizona. Their children were:

1. Andrew Lamar Chesley b. 18 May 1916 at Thatcher, Arizona, m. Leona Williams 26 Nov. 1929.
2. Maude Nadene Chesley b. 1 Nov. 1918, at Hubbard, Arizona, m. Lee Menhennet, 10 Oct. 1935.
3. William Wallace Chesley b. 6 Oct. 1922, at Mesa, Ariz. m. Anita Oldham, 10 April, 1943.
4. Elizabeth Chesley b. 1 Dec. 1924, at Alhambra,Calif. d. 28 Mar. 1925.
5. Ruth Elaine Chesley b. 3 Feb. 1927 at Alhambra, Calif. d. 9 Jan. 1929.
6. Mary Lou Chesley b. 19 Jan. 1930, at Mesa, Arizona, m. Norman Felten, July, 1950.

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Note: I received a letter from Annabel Walker saying: "I have been corresponding with Elizabeth Damron Young of Thatcher, Arizona. She has her father's records, but he did not have John Damron, Jr.'s family. Mariam and her grandfather Joseph Damron copied some of William's records. I have copied the photostat Elizabeth sent me. It is precious for it proves our connection with Anna Ladd and John Damron.

"Copy from William W. Damron's religious record:

"John Damron 1759 sealed to Anna Ladd Va. Oct. 10, 1871.
John Damron, Jr. 1791, sealed to Sarah Shultz Va. Oct. 10, 1871.
Anna Ladd Wife of grand father John Damron " "
Grandmother Susannah McLain 1765 Wife of Grd. father John R. Shultz, Oct. 10, 1871.
Grd.father John R. Shultz. J.W. Damron 1851
Sarah Shultz 1799 sealed baptized for herself, Oct. 10, 1871.
John Rudishell Shultz, 1769, sealed to Susannah McLain " Penn.
Laura Louisa Damron 1828 Tenn. U S
William Damron not sealed or baptized, wife Betsey U S
Moses Damron. His wife Susan McLain, no work done U S
George Damron, His wife Delilah U S
John Damron Uncle's George son U S , Oct. 10, 1871.
Mark Damron Uncle's George son U S "
John M. Shultz "
David " "
Charles M. " his wife Mary "
Wm. Henry La Rew "
James Garret La Rew "
Joseph Franklin Brock "

"I think it is a wonderful record and it must have been made from memory for he should have 1757 as John's birth. What did William mean by writing 'J.W. Damron 1851 on the side?" She also noted: "There is certainly a difference in the looks of the Damron brothers. John S., the eldest and Joseph the Youngest, don't look like Milton or William. The Ladds are tall and good-looking. The Damron women sure have short lives. My mother's sister Louisa Catherine Damron Aiken died when she was 48, her mother Sarah Pennington Damron died when she was only 44. The picture I am sending you looks much older; it must have been just before she died. It was taken from a tintype and the one of Milton Wesley Damron was taken about the time he died--it was torn and had to be pieced together."

GEORGE A. DAMRON OF TUCSON, ARIZONA

The following supplementary genealogy was collected by Christa L. Damron, who has done genealogical research on the Damrons and other families:

IV. GEORGE A. DAMRON b. 15 June 1887, was the son of William Wallace Damron and Hester Elizabeth Ray. His mother was the daughter of John Alexander Ray b. 1 Sept. 1817, in Mississippi, who came to Utah 4 Sept. 1853. He was President of Millard County Stake of the Latter-Day Saints Church, a merchant and farmer. He crossed the plains in 1853. His father was John Ray b. at Shelton, England, and his mother was Elizabeth Nuttall. John A. Ray came to Utah with the Moses Daily Company. John Alexander Ray m. Mary Wingo Young b. 6 Nov. 1825, in North Carolina. She d. 20 Apr. 1890 in Utah. They had eight children. Her father was William Calvin Young, Major General in the war with Mexico. Her mother was Mary Hayes. John Alexander Ray m. 1st Ellen _____.

Flossie Letta Jones, 1st wife of George A. Damron, was the daughter of Nathan Jones, b. 4 July 1853, d. 26 June 1905, Clifton, Greenlee, Ariz. He married 26 Sept. 1881, Clara Battendorf b. 3 Jan. 1858; she d. 27 Aug. 1913, at Clifton. They had five children:

1. George Edwin Damron b. 4 Jan. 1910, d. 19 Aug. 1942, Southern Pacific-Hospital, San Francisco, California, buried 22 Aug. 1942, at Thatcher, Graham, Ariz. He married Margaret Lee Barrow b. 7 June 1912, at Owensburo, Davisson, Kentucky, daughter of John Barrow and Mary Helen Casby. They were m. 6 Jan. 1933, at Nogales, Santa Cruz, Arizona, and had three children:

(1) George Richard, b. 11 Jan. 1933 at Tucson, Pima, Arizona.
(2) Edwina Lee b. 13 Feb. 1935, at Tucson, m. 22 Dec. 1952, William Henry Strieby b. 6 Dec. 1934, at Tooele, Tooele, Utah, son of Christopher Franklin Strieby and Margaret Bertha Camron. Their son, William Kim Strieby was b. 29 July, 1953, at Tooele.
(3) Thomas Marshall Damron b. 12 Nov. 1936, at Tucson.

2. Evelyn Leah Damron b. 7 June, 1912, at Clifton, Arizona, m. Earl Hurbert Branum Rogers b. 17 April, 1911, the son of Clyde Henry Branum and Mary Lula Rogers. He was adopted and raised by his grandparents, Stephen Rogers and Anna.

(1) Jackie Earline Rogers b. 2 Sept. 1931, at Tucson, Ariz. m. 18 Aug. 1951, William Henry McNabb b. 22 July, 1932, at Phoenix, Maricopa, Ariz., son of Fred James McNabb b. 7 Dec. 1898, at Fair Grove, Greene, Missouri, and Jessie Edwards Stephens b. 1 Mar. 1900, at Springfield, Missouri. She was the dau. of Robert Edwards b. 16 July, 1869, and Effie Mintle Hanson b. 14 Apr. 1871. Fred James McNabb b. 7 Dec. 1898, was the son of William Henry McNabb b. 26 Jan. 1868, Elkland, Webster, Missouri, and Minnie Bell _____ b. 1870 at Fair Grove, Greene, Missouri.

3. Flossie Lucile Damron b. 19 Dec. 1913, at Clifton, Ariz., m. 29 April, 1932, Thomas Edward Allen b. 3 Feb. 1910, at DeQueen, Sevier, Ark., the son of Elonzo Johnson Allen b. 16 July 1865, at Sevier County, Ark. d. 10 Feb. 1946, at Tempe, Maricopa, Ariz., buried at Tucson, Ariz. m. 26 Sept. 1886, at Sevier Co., Ark. Minnie Lee Russell b. 4 Mar. 1869, at Columbia County, Ark. d. 1 Sept. 1930, at DeQueen, Sevier, Ark., her father being Peter Jackson Russell b. 9 Sept. 1841, in Alabama, d. 19 Nov. 1904, at DeGreen. He married 1866 Mary Brooks b. 18 Nov. 1840 in Alabama; she d. 13 Aug. 1918, Ringling, Jefferson, Oklahoma. Elonzo Johnson Allen b. 16 July 1865, was the son of Joseph Allen b. 14 June 1830, at Fayette Co., Alabama, d. 6 Jan. 1882, at Sevier Co., Ark. He married Aug. 1850, at Larksburg,Ark.,

Flossie Lucile Damron, continued:
Elizabeth Jane Johnson b. 3 Apr. 1829, at Fayette Co., Alabama. She d. 6 Dec. 1895, at Larksburg, Ark. She was the daughter of Price M. Johnson and wife (maiden name not given), but she died in 1843 at Fayette Co., Alabama. The children of Flossie Lucile Damron and Thomas Edward Allen were:

(1) Georgia Sue Allen b. 17 Apr. 1933, at Tucson, Ariz. m. 11 Aug. 1951, in Tucson, James William Schock b. 14 Nov. 1932, at Marion, Grant, Ind., son of Russell Schock b. Monticella, White, Ind., d. (no date), and Francis Dodson b. 18 Aug. 1907, at Pine Village, Warren, Ind. m. 23 Dec. 1927, Russell Schock. Georgie Sue Allen and James William Schock have one child, James William Schock, Jr., b. 9 June 1952, at Tucson, Pima, Ariz.
(2) Joyce Lucille Allen b. 9 Oct. 1937.
(3) Thomas Edward Allen, Jr. b. 11 Sept. 1946, at Tucson, Pima, Ariz.

4. Loraine Damron, 4th child of George A. Damron b. 18 April, 1915, at Clifton, Ariz. m. 10 May, 1933, Brodis Vivian Green b. 18 Dec. 1911, at Franklin Co., Texas, son of Curtis G. Green (dead) and Willie Cockrell (dead). She was divorced and married second 12 July, 1947, at Tucson, Louie Cecil Mooney b. 24 Oct. 1911, at Gadsden, Etowah, Ala., son of William Wallace Mooney and Susie Shoe (dead). They have one son: William Louie Mooney b. 3 Dec. 1948, at Tucson, Pima, Ariz.

(1) Vivian Leta Green, b. 2 Dec. 1933, at South Pasadena, Los Angeles, Calif., m. 22 Aug. 1950, Marvin L. Morris b. 18 June, 1925. They were married at Reno, Washoe, Nevada. Their child is: Linda Loraine Morris b. 6 June 1951, Oroville, Butte, California.
(2) Lillian Diane Green b. 5 March, 1935, at Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Calif. m. 1 Nov. 1952, at Tucson, Burl Leon Cosper b. 13 Nov. 1930, at Atoka, Atoka, Oklahoma, son of Bonnie William Cosper b. 3 June, 1890, in Texas, d. 10 Oct. 1937, at Tucson, and Jessie Ulinee Leeds, b. 24 Nov. 1900, at Eufala, McIntosh, Okla. They have one child: Leah Lynn Cosper b. 18 July, 1953, Tucson, Pima, Ariz.

5. Lillian Damron b. 18 April, 1915, d. 15 June, 1916.

6. Clara Elizabeth Damron b. 15 April, 1917, at Clifton, Ariz. m. 4 July, 1935, Harold Charles Slaminski b. 23 June 1910, at Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, son of John Slaminski b. 14 June 1868, at Wausau, and Helen Mary Schoenneman b. 25 Nov. 1886, at Wausau, d. 10 Sept. 1941, at Tucson, Ariz. buried at Tucson, m. 1906, John Slaminski, his parents being born in Germany. They have two children:
(1) John Michael Slaminski b. 9 Sept. 1938, at Tucson, Ariz.
(2) Carol Ann Slaminski b. 18 July, 1945, at Tucson, Pima, Arizona.

7. Olla Irene Damron b. 6 July, 1919, at Hatchita, Grant, New Mexico, m. 29 July, 1939, James Marvin Owens b. 28 Dec. 1917. They were married in Tucson, Ariz. He was the son of Oance Elmo Owens and Mary Larson and was b. in Safford, Ariz. They have five children:

(1) Sharon Ann Owens b. 28 March, 1941, Safford, Graham, Arizona.
(2) James Marvin Owens, Jr. b. 5 July, 1945, Safford, Graham, Arizona.
(3) Catherine Mary Owens b. 31 May, 1848, Safford, Graham, Arizona.
(4) Steven Ralph Owens b. 2 Feb., 1950, Safford, Graham, Arizona.
(5) George Michael Owens b. 4 Sept. 1951, at Safford, Graham, Arizona.

James Marvin Owens is the son of Oance Elmo Owens b. 3 Mar. 1896, at Safford, his father was James Thomas (J.T.) Owens b. 2 Aug. 1854, at Branchville, St. Clair, Alabama, d. 1 Apr. 1922, at Safford, buried at Safford, and Clarisa Atha Lohie Ragsdil (or Ragsdale); she was b. 7 Feb. 1860, Branchville, St. Clair, Ala. m. 30 Jan. 1879, Springville, d. 12 Sept. 1913, Safford, buried Safford.

Olla Irene Damron, continued:

Oance Elmo Owens b. 3 Mar. 1896, m. 30 July, 1916, at Safford, Ariz. Mary Lenora Larson, b. 10 Aug. 1893, Pima, Graham, Ariz. She was the dau. of George Larson b. 12 Sept. 1848, Denmark (Europe), d. 6 June 1910, Pima, Graham, Ariz. He m. Nov. 6, 1878, at St. George Temple, St. George, Utah, Hannah Helena Roseberry b. 2. Oct. 1861, at Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, d. 30 Sept. 1907, Pima, Ariz. buried Pima. Her father was Carl Roseberry b. in Sweden d. 1868, at Salt Lake City, Utah. Her mother was Helena Arricksen b. 11 Oct. 1822, at Winnega, Hebe Skone, Sweden, d. Dec. 1899, Pima, Arizona. (Note corrections above to be made in previous page.)

8. William Nathan Damron, b. 4 March, 1921, at Hatchita, N.M., m. 4 Aug.1940, Marian Bethene (Betty) Marsch b. 5 July 1921, at Kinsley, Plymouth, Iowa, daughter of Ray Alexander (Morsch) Marsch b. 31 Jan. 1893, at Omaha, Douglas, Nebraska, son of John Henry Morsch and Jennie Crawford Young. She was born at Carroll, Carroll, Iowa, 1872, d. in California. The mother of Marian Bethene was Corbal Elizabeth Hayden b. 6 May, 1895, Clark County, Iowa, m. 27 June, 1915, at Des Moines, Poke, Iowa, Ray Marsch. She was the dau. of Perry Wallace Hayden b. 2 Jan. 1872, at Madison Co., Iowa, m. 15 Feb. 1893, at Osceola, Clark, Iowa, Nancy Matilda Fields. Perry William Hayden d. 5 Oct. 1952, at Winterset, Madison, Iowa. Nancy Matilda Fields b. 1 July, 1874, at Clark County, Iowa, d. 1936, at Winterset, Iowa.

9. Jack Richard Damron, b. 14 March, 1924, d. 19 Jan. 1929, at Thatcher, Graham, Arizona, and was buried at the same place.

After the death of his first wife, George A. Damron married Christa Lillis Wilkins b. 25 Dec. 1888, at Glenbar, Graham, Ariz. They were married 7 Aug. 1926, Safford, Graham, Ariz. no issue. Christa Lillis Wilkins m. 1st 25 Sept. 1907, at Globe, Gila, Ariz. Joseph Craig Givens b. 1 April, 1872, at Audrain County, Missouri, d. 3 Dec. 1918, son of John Craig Givens and Elizabeth Ewing. They had one child:

1. Joseph James Givens b. 30 Oct. 1908, at Globe, Gila, Arizona, who m. 1st 27 Dec. 1926, at Safford, Lois Lorene Howard b. 1 Mar. 1911, Hubbard, Graham, Arizona, dau. of Edmond Dysart Howard and Delia Arkadel Nelms. They had three children:

(1) Christa Lenore Givens b. 5 Oct. 1928, at Tucson, m. 12 March, 1945, George Edward Busby b. 27 Oct. 1926, at Saint David, Cochise, Arizona, son of George Melvin Busby and Gladys Juline Lofgreen. Their children are: 1st, Nikki George Busby (female) b. 3 May, 1946, Mesa, Maricopa, Arizona; 2nd, Christa Juline Busby, b. 24 March, 1948, at Tucson; and 3rd, George Melvin Busby b. 27 June, 1949, at Tucson.

(2) Gay Delia Givens b. 12 March, 1933, Tucson, m. 1 June, 1951, Alan Joseph Parker b. 31 October, 1930, Cleverland, Cayahoga, Ohio, son of Alexander Joseph Parker b. 9 Feb. 1906, Cleveland, and Eleanor Barbara Timko, b. 17 April, 1908, Cleveland. Their child is: Deborah Lee Parker b. 29 Jan. 1953, Tucson, Arizona.

(3) Vada Joette Givens b. 20 July, 1939, at Tucson, Pima, Ariz.

Joseph James Givens and Lois L. Howard were divorced and he married 2nd Jennie Elizabeth Hale, 25 July, 1942, Silver City, Grant, New Mexico, Jennie Elizabeth Hale was b. 2 April, 1917, Orange, Essex, New Jersey, dau. of Claud Irvin Hale b. 16 June, 1885, d. 22 Aug. 1925, Bloomfield, Essex, N.J., and Helen Alcesta Sands b. 16 July 1887, d. 11 May, 1917, East Orange, New Jersey, in Essex County . Their children are:

(4) James Claud Givens b. 15 Dec. 1944, at Tucson, d. 17 Apr. 1945.

(5) Robert Edwin Givens, b. 20 Nov. 1947, at Tucson.

WILLIAM WALLACE DAMRON, SR.

By Maud Damron Schnepf

William Wallace Damron, Sr. was born 23 March, 1833, Weakley County, Tenn., the seventh child of John Damron, Jr. and Sarah Elizabeth Shultz. In 1834 the family moved to Barry County, Missouri,but stayed there only a short time. They then moved to Ellis Co., Texas, about 1841, where the father died in 1856. William met and became acquainted with two missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They were John and William Moody from Utah. He was baptized 15 Jan. 1856. The people in the community looked down on him and the members of his family that had become Mormons. They were shunned by their friends and were classed as low as horse thieves. So William and his mother and two sisters, Betty and Matilda, joined the little company of Mormons and made the long trek across the plains to Salt Lake City. They were well equipped with good horses and wagons and provisions. But there were Indians to be aware of and the journey was long and tiresome. Betty and Tildie and their good friend Mary Louisa Whitmore rode horses all the way. They were carefree and happy and sang songs all the way.

Johnston's Army was on its way to Utah at the same time to eliminate the Mormons. They traveled the same trail and passed each other many times. But the girls were not afraid. The army would curse their horses and call them old Brigham or Joseph or some other Church official's names as the Mormons went by and the girls would sing songs at the top of their young voices. One of their favorite songs was:

"The Mormon car is moving, she's not been in motion long.
At first her powers were feeble, but now they're getting strong.
And having started on the track the best that we can do,
Is keep the car in motion and pop her quickly through.

For we have a good conductor and a brake man with his force,
Who, when a danger threatens, can stop the iron horse.
We've an engineer and a fire man, and an engine good and true.
So we'll keep the car in motion and we'll pop her quickly thru."

When they arrived in Salt Lake City ahead of Johnston's Army, Betty and Tildie married the two Moody brothers.

William went to live in the southern part of Utah. There he herded sheep for the Church. One day while sleeping near his herd, he dreamed he was surrounded by Indians. He awoke with a start to find an Indian standing over him. He grabbed his gun, but he soon made friends with theIndian.

William married Martha Allphin, but she died shortly after. He was terribly broken up over her. Then he married her good friend, Hester Elizabeth Ray. To this union were born eleven children.

In August, 1883, the family migrated to Arizona. At the time they had nine children. The baby was three months old. Her name was Elizabeth. The journey was long and tiresome. The two oldest boys, John and William, drove teams. They had three covered wagons. Sister Ollie, eleven years old, rode a horse bareback and herded the loose stock. The road was only a trail, rough and rocky. Going down the steep hills they would tie heavy logs behind the wagons to hold them back, and keep them from running over the horses. Sometimes they tied logs to their wagons to float them across the deeper rivers. The journey was dangerous and there were many savage Indians to beware of. They endured many hardships, but they arrived in Pima, Nov. 25, 1883. Enroute at the Colorado River they had caught up

with the W.W. Crockett family, and the two families traveled together.

The Damrons lived in a tent in Pima for the next six months. Then William built an adobe house with a dirt roof, in Central. There he and his daughter, Mary, taught school. Then the family moved to Thatcher where William built a Mercantile Store and Post Office. (The old building still stands in 1953.)

At this store and Post Office, the stage coaches always stopped. They carried passengers, mail, Wells-Fargo express, and large sums of money. It was always an impressive sight to see the coach slide up to the s tore with its armed messenger beside the driver. He always rode ready as an additional protector for money, mail and passengers.

In 1888 William was elected County Treasurer, and again in 1890. Then in 1892, he was elected Probate Judge, and again in 1896. He was loved and respected by all who knew him, and he was lovingly called Uncle Billie. He took an active part in all public affairs, standing firm in his duties that looked to the bettering of conditions of the poorer classes. His interest in public affairs and his honorable method of conducting his business endeared him to the people. They loved and trusted him. And although political machinery then as now, was controlled largely by ambitious politicians, he with little effort found his name on the ballot to be voted for, because his name was an asset to the Party ticket. He was always elected with a big majority. He never was defeated. His name was again on the ticket to be voted in November following his demise in October.

He died 2 Oct. 1898. He was mourned by people far and near. They had lost a friend worthy of their love and esteem and their trust. He had served the public well both in politics and in his church. He was buried in the Thatcher cemetery.

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WILLIAM WALLACE DAMRON, JR.

By Maud Damron Schnepf

William Wallace Damron, Jr. was born Nov. 13, 1868, at Fillmore, Utah. He was the son of William Wallace Damron and Hester Elizabeth Ray. The third in a family of eleven children, he was soon called "Babe" and the name stayed with him all his life. When he was just a little boy his father gave him and his brother, John, each a hatchet. They had fun chopping on trees and logs with their little hatchets until one day Babe told John he couldn't chop on a certain log, as he claimed it, and he spread his little h ands across the log. But John chopped away cutting off the pointer finger and seriously injuring the next two. But the doctor managed to save them. Babe went through life with just a stub for a pointer finger on his right hand.

When Babe was fourteen, his family migrated to Arizona. They had three covered wagons with teams, and nine children,the baby being about three months old. A family who had intended to travel with them, left a few days ahead and met with disaster. The Indians were on the war path and the whole family were killed except two little girls and their brother. The little girls were carried away by the Indians and were raised among the Indians. The young boy managed to escape by feighning dead. He later resqued his sisters, after they were grown women.

The Damrons made the trip to Arizona in three months. Babe and John drove teams along with their father. The trip was long and tiresome, and they endured many hardships. They arrived in Pima in November, 1883, where they lived in a tent for six months.

Then the father built a store and post office building in Thatcher. All supplies were hauled in from Bowie by freight wagons. The father was a very busy man and his boys did most of the freighting. One day Babe was taking a big load of provisions home when he saw some Indians coming toward him. He was very badly frightened, but he made up his mind they would not take his wagon without a fight. He crouched down in the wagon bed and made ready, and about that time some soldiers came over the hill. He then learned the Indians were scouts working with the soldiers The Indians pointed and laughed because he was so scared.

When Babe was twenty he married Mary Elizabeth Garner. They built a little frame shack on the banks of the Gila River and homesteaded a small piece of land. It was pretty hard going. Babe went to Wilcox and cut hay for the government every time he had an opportunity. It was about the only cash they had. Their first child was born, and Elizabeth nearly lost her life.

Babe built a home in Thatcher near his father's store, and four more children were added to the family. Babe freighted supplies to Globe and had an interest in a store there. Then he and five others built a store in Thatcher. They called it the Big Six. They later all sold out to W.W. Pace, one of the Six. Babe moved his family to Clifton, a thriving mining town in eastern Arizona. There he went into the transfer and storage business. It was located in what they called Chase Creek, a crooked narrow street lined with a few stores and many saloons. His house was located some distance from the street and was up on a slope. It overlooked the corral. On one side next the street was a large barn, used for storage and hay and grain for the horses. From the barn to the house was a row of stables, where the horses were kept. On the other side was the buggy shed. He had many buggies and surries to rent out. He operated a stage coach from Clifton to Solomonville. Hy Claridge was his regular stage coach driver. He rented saddle horses and had the only hearse,which was drawn by two beautiful black horses. He hauled supplies to the stores and barrels of whisky to the saloons. About the time he had things going pretty good, there was some competition moved in. Babe knew there was not enough business for them both so he set out to do something about it. He met all trains and hauled all the baggage free. He hauled supplies to the stores and saloons for free. This went on until he was nearly starved out, but he survived the other outfit and they moved out. Then he had it all to himself.

One day Clifton had a flood. Torrents of water rushed down the streets, flooding into the stores and houses. A Jewish family operated a clothing store across the street from the corral. Babe heard the cries of the two women and he helped them to safety. A baker and his wife took refuge in the big ovens that were high enough from the swirling water but the wife had forgotten her diamond rings. She rushed down into the house to get them. They found her body three days later buried in sand. Sil and sand washed in around a row of box cars so deep you could step upon them with no effort, at all. A small house floated down the San Francisco River. When it hit the bridge, it knocked off the top and one could see the furniture in the rooms.

A Chinese business man married a pretty blond white girl. She was able to get a very sizeable roll of greenbacks from him before nightfall. She asked Babe to get her out of town, but he wanted nothing to do with her. Hy Claridge offered to do it. He took her to Solomonville. The poor Chinaman walked the streets of Clifton for weeks looking for her. You could almost knock his eyes off with a stick. He never found his bride. It was a costly experience for him.

Babe helped to build the town jail. It was a big cave in a solid rock mountain, with a good iron-barred door for light and ventilation.

Elizabeth took her boys to Thatcher to send them to the Gila Academy, and shortly after she left, Babe met with a serious accident. He was leading a colt behind his saddle horse. The rope got under the horse's tail and he started to buck. The reins broke and Babe went high in the air. He came down on a rock in the river bed. Elizabeth took him to doctors every place, but none seemed to do anything for him. He was finally operated on in the Salt Lake City hospital. They could not find the trouble. He had turned so yellow all over and his skin itched unmercifully. He scratched himself with corn cobs until the blood stood out in tiny drops all over him. He suffered for a year. Six weeks after the operation, he passed on. The doctors asked permission to go in and find what had been the trouble. They found the little passage that carried the gall had been broken when he fell on the rock and the gall was going into the blood stream. He died Aug. 6, 1909, at the age of forty.

Babe Damron was an honest, upright business man. His word was as good as his note. He loved his family dearly. He was taken away just as he was beginning to realize success in a business way. He had had a rough time getting started in Clifton and he did not live long enough to enjoy his success. He was buried in Thatcher beside his father. Many relatives and friends mourned his passing.

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(Note by H.F.S. William Wallace Damron, Sr. was one of the early settlers of southern Utah and Damron Valley was named for him, which is between St. George and Pine Valley. It is sometimes spelled Diamond Valley in recent years, also. Joseph Milton Moody wrote Nov. 25, 1953: "All the Damrons I have known were all honest, industrious, good neighbors and well liked when they lived in this country. The Diamond Valley was named after Uncle Billy Damron as he ran his sheep there for a long time, and itwas called Damron Valley. It has since been named Diamond Valley. It is the valley of the black lava you saw. There is a wash in the Bull Valley district in this county called Moody Wash, named after my father and Uncle William Moody. They ran their cattle there for a long time and it still goes by the name of Moody Wash and empties into the Santa Clara Creek. I do not know of any Damrons now in this county. Milton Damron was in California the last I heard of him. He is about my age. We are going to California for the holidays. I believe I am the oldest hunter in the State of Utah that got his buck this year. I had mine by eight A. M. the first day. I was the only one in the crowd of five that got deer that day--pretty good for a man 83 years old. We are having very nice weather here now, days are just like summer. Have only had a killing frost in the last two weeks." He was the most famous hunter of his day and Forest Ranger of the region.)

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Under Dixie Sun, published by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, has photograph of most of the old settlers but none of any Damron or Moody, except Dorinda Moody Slade. Page 118 says: "Dameron Valley, a small valley lying north of St. George, betweenthat place and Pine Valley. In 1859, a herd-ground eight miles square was granted by Washington County for one year to Robert D. Covington in Dameron Valley, # said grant not to conflict or interfere withthe grazing of any other settlement rights. In later years, a few families lived there in the valley on their ranches, but now it is practically abandoned, though it is still used as grazing lands." Page 195 on Pine Valley says: "The cattle were all wintered in the lower warm country chiefly in the vicinity of the Beaver Dam Wash, Damron Valley, the Sand Cove etc.

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Christa L. Damron also sent a correction for page 21-a "3. Lucy Elizabeth Damron b. 6 Sept. 1897, at Thatcher, Graham Co., Ariz. d. 23 July, 1953, at Mesa Maricopa, Ariz, buried 25 July, 1953, at Mesa." Also on p. 21-b, Eugene Damron was married 25 Dec. 1902, and is still living. The Arizona Republic, Phoenix, Jan. 7, 1953, shows: "Wed 50 years. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Damron, Thatcher."

The following additional information was sent by Mariam Damron Cropper:

1. George Alfred Damron and Belle G. Erickson had children: (1) Edna m. Dell Bennet, (2) Stella m. Marion Black, (3) Raymond; (4) Nora m. Elmer Petty,and (5) Arnold.

2. Norma VaRua, daughter of Joseph Warren Damron, Jr. lives at Delta, Utah (Mrs. Spencer Wright). Myron H. Baker, husband of Mary Lucile Damron, d. 1945. Joseph Ladd Damron d. 1918 in camp, World War I. Virgilia Damron m. 2nd Ronald R. Dysart, and resides in Oakland, Calif.

3. Milton Wesley Damron had two children: (1) Milton Jay b. 1905 at Fay, Lincoln County, Nevada, died when about 18 years of age. (2) Myrtle Margaret Damron b. 1907 at Fay, m. Paul Bliss, and resides at Ursine, Nevada.

9. Lula Beal Damron. b. 13 Oct. 1878, at Deseret, m. Charles Oscar Warnick, and resides at Delta, Utah.

JEMIMA CHELNECHA DAMRON AND JACOB JOSEPH BARRON

IV. Jemima Chelnecha Damron, fourth child of Joseph Warren Damron and Margaret Phoebe Freeman, was b. 13 Aug. 1870, at Kanosh,Utah. She m. Jacob Joseph Barron and had the following children:

1. Arthur Jay Barron b. 1892 at Deseret, Utah, m. 1925, Melba Tailferro.
2. Margaret Eva Barron b. 1893 at Deseret m. Howard Richardson.
3. Aurella Barron b. 1895 at Deseret, m. E.C. Norton.
4. Ora Chelnecha Barron b. 1897 at Deseret m. Joseph Norton.
5. William Risdon Barron b. 1900 at Deseret m. Dora Cloward.
6. Franklin Evan Barron b. 1903 at Deseret, m. Elva Wilcox.
7. Amanda Leray Barron b. 1904 at Inkom, Idaho, m. Fred P. Brandt.
8. Lula May Barron b. 1908 at Inkom, d. 1918.
9. Homer Ladell Barron b. 1910 at In kom m. Maren H. Chandler.
10. Faunsin Milton Barron b. 1917 at Inkom d. 1932.

WILLIAM REED DAMRON AND ELIZA ORENA DUGGINS

IV. William Reed Damron b. 18 Apr. 1874, at Kanosh, Millard County, Utah, seventh child of Joseph Warren Damron, d. in Salt Lake City 7 Jan. 1937. In 1897 he m. Eliza Orena Duggins and their children were:

1. Bertella Damron b. 1901 at Deseret, Millard Co., Utah, m. (1) Clinton Ketchum and (2) Richard W. Ashard, res. Salt Lake City, Utah.
2. William Reed b. 1903 at Deseret, m. Mable Duckworth, res. Salt Lake City.
3. Joseph Freeman b. 1906 at Inkom, Idaho, m. Leon Simpson.
4. Mildred Alene Damron b. 1908 at Inkom, m. Wellington Hart.

ARTHUR JEDDIAH DAMRON AND MEDORA BISHOP

IV. ARTHUR JEDDIAH DAMRON b. 29 Aug. 1876, at Deseret, Utah, m. (1) Medora Bishop and (2) Vera _____. The children of Arthur Jeddiah and Medora Bishop were:

1. Margaret Hazel Damron b. 1897 at Deseret, Millard County, Utah. m. A. L. Lewis.
2. Mary Thelma Damron b. 1900 at Deseret m. R. H. Hofhine.
3. Lula Medora Damron b. 1902 at Labell, Idaho, d. 1917.
4. Wesley Mahonri Damron b. 1904, at Inkom, Idaho, m. Lavina Marie Picket.
5. Milo Glenn Damron b. 1907 at Inkom m. Edith Tilda Bell.
6. Ruth Elaine Damron b. 1909 at Inkom m. Raymond John Horrocks.
7. Effie May Damron b. 1911.
8. Melba Damron b. 1916 at Pocatello, Idaho.
9. Amil Jay Damron b. 1922 at Inkom, Idaho.

LIZZIE MAY DAMRON AND EDWARD J. WHICKER

IV. LIZZIE MAY DAMRON, youngest child of Joseph Warren Damron, was b. May 3, 1881, at Deseret, Utah, and m. (1) Edward J. Whicker, and (2) George Dobson. Res. 1614 South West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. Her children by E. J. Whicker were:

1. Edward John Whicker b. 1902 at Deseret, Millard County, Utah, d. 1903.
2. Alonzo Reed Whicker b. 1904 at Deseret, d. 1937, m. Nola Ence.
3. Lula Margaret Whicker b. 1906 at Deseret m. Burns Hildebrand, and lives at Oakland, Calif.
4. Paul Whicker b. 1909 at Delta, Utah, m. Frieda Steele, lives at Hinckley, Utah.
5. Floyd Ernest Whicker b. 1911 at Delta m. Ruby Ward.
6. Henry Ford Whicker b. 1914 at Delta, m. Phyllis Works, res. Murray, Utah.
7. Edsel Jay Whicker b. 1915, at Delta, died 1951, m. June Roberts.
8. Eliza May Whicker b. 1919 at Delta, m. Paul Delos Boyer.

(Note: W.A. Moody sent me small size-photographs of William Wallace Damron, Joseph Warren Damron, Sr. and Jr., Margaret Phoebe Freeman, Lizzie May Damron, Olla Damron, and one of Cynthia Elizabeth Damron age 18, his mother. There is also a picture in California of the brother, John Shultz Damron, etc. Sarah Matilda Damron's picture has been printed already with her two children.)

WILLIAM A. MOODY, ARIZONA PIONEER

William A. Moody was born June 28, 1870, in Dry Valley, Lincoln County, Nevada, the son of William Cresfield Moody and Cynthia Elizabeth Damron. His mother died in nearby Eagle Valley when he was two years of age. In his autobiography Years in the Sheaf, he wrote that Mrs. Lorenzo Cutler (Mary Louisa Whitmore who rode horseback with the two sisters all across the plains with a wagon train and cattle herds from Tyler, Texas, in 1857) said: "Cinthy Elizabeth and Matilda Damron were two of the most perfect and angelic persons that ever lived. They were intelligent, kind and generous and I loved them both." Cynthia Elizabeth Damron Moody left four motherless boys and a young daughter, Regenia, who took care of them. He wrote further, "My father had come to Dry Valley to fill a wood contract, and to do masonry work for a Pioche Mining Company. He had established a small town named for himself Moodyville, and here I was born... When father's contract with the mining company was terminated, he left Dry Valley for Eagle Valley... My grandfather left Virginia while still a young, unmarried man, and went to Alabama. He was a trader and later owned a plantation and slaves. He met and fell in love with Polly Baldwin . . . When my father was a boy of sixteen, he moved with his family to Texas. They arrived just after the disastrous news of the Battle of the Alamo had gone out to the country. Feeling ran high everywhere, and father promptly enlisted in the army, under General Sam Houston, about March, 1836. When Texas gained her independence soon afterward, my father received a land grant of a Spanish league, because ofhis citizenship and army service. My grandfather, John Wyatt Moody, became the first Auditor of the Texas Republic. . . I have a high regard for my progenitors as far back as I have record of them. They were predominantly men and women of honor and integrity, God-fearing and sensitive to the needs of their fellow-men. . . They bequeathed to me a noble heritage."

The autobiography tells a fascinating story of pioneer days in Nevada and Eagle Valley where the brothers, George, Thomas Alfonzo and Milton and their sister Regenia, grew up. "The Indians always liked father. He took a kindly interest in them, and they returned his favors by bringing us pine-nuts. The Indians, in fact, were the community's only source of this important food item, which they gathered in forests distant and unknown to us. One winter when the snow was unusually deep, and our supply of flour was exhausted, the Indians came to our rescue with pinenuts. There were only six or seven families living in Eagle Valley." He went to school in a log schoolhouse and his one treasure was a small iron axe which he still has. His father later took the youngest son, William, with his stepmother, Louisa Gillard Williams, who had no children, to Arizona, where they were among the early pioneers, and William A. Moody is at this writing one of the few living pioneers of the states of Nevada and Arizona, these being among the most recently settled states in the Union, Arizona being probably the youngest state. They started on the journey Dec. 26, 1885: "We travelled on to Ft. Apache, meeting Indians often. We did not know whether they were friendly or otherwise, but our guns were always handy. From Ft. Apache we went on to Black River which was swollen high from melting snows... Our horses swam. Along about the first of May we reached the Gila River, about thirty miles west of Pima. Here we made camp, and I walked down the river a short distance and saw about twenty-five beavers... I would be sixteen years old the coming June." On reaching Pima, they found the family of his uncle John Monroe Moody, whose wife, Sarah Matilda Damron, sister of Cynthia Elizabeth, had also died very young, leaving two motherless children, Sarah Margaret Moody and Joseph Milton Moody.

"The village of Thatcher had been recently laid out, or platted into a townsite, by Christopher Layton, who was then stake president. The land was covered with large mesquite trees and brush. A few families had settled there just prior to our arrival, and lived in temporary shanties. There were a very few houses on the townsite and a few scattered ranches nearer the river.... father purchased a lot in Thatcher, and he and I built a temporary house. We set posts into the ground, hauled willows from the river bottom, and wove them in and out around the posts as tightly as possible. Then we plastered the walls with dirt. There were two rooms, with no floors except the ground, which we wet and packed down as solidly as possible. We also built a post and willow fence around our lot, which was about an acre and six-tenths. Soon afterward Father pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land about a mile west of town, which he later homesteaded.

"We were pioneers in the development of the valley . . . the land had been ceded to the United States by Mexico through the Gadsden Purchase in 1853. The few white people who had preceded us had built small canals to convey water to the lower lands. At Thatcher the Central Canal was of the highest elevation, but still did not reach to land as high as that of the Thatcher townsite. Later the Union Canal irrigated the whole of the townsite and a few years later the old Montezuma Canal was extended along the foothills above Thatcher and thus brought a considerable amount of new land under cultivation. The higher lands were fairly free of alkalis and proved to be very productive. For a number of years, after our arrival in the Gila Valley there was much malarial fever, but later, after the low lands had been drained and farmed, the malaria seemed mostly to disappear." They planted melons and marketed them at Ft. Grant, the army post established against the Apaches, where also they sold quail, chickens, eggs, turkeys, cows, pigs, fruit, hay and grain.

"During the early period of settlement in the Gila Valley, there was much Indian disturbance. The Apaches, under shrewd, wily Chief Geronimo, were committing depredation right and left, in defiance of the U.S. Government's attempt to subdue them to an innocuous position on the reservation . . . I have been over the road many times, enroute to Clifton, Arizona, and there were numerous monuments along the way marking spots where settlers had been killed from time to time... we were continually on the alert . . . When first we moved onto our farm, occasionally at night our horses would snort. Believing they scented Indians, Auntie, Father and I would grab a gun and a quilt and run down into the brush to hide until all seemed safe . . . A few years later when the Indian called The Kid first defied the government, and with his followers became a desperado, I was driving a wagon along with Hyrum Claridge up the San Carlos River. We saw much excitement among the Indians..." He then tells how an Indian with a gun forbade him to pass but he held his hound in least ready to spring at the Indian's throat at a word and the other Indians asked this one to permit him to go on.

On June 4, 1894, he married Ella Adelia Williams and though he had just established a prosperous shipping business, he left with her on a mission to Samoa in 1894, where she died in childbirth, May 24, 1895, leaving one child, Hazel, b. May 3, 1895, at Fagalii, Island of Upolu, Samoa. She married first Fredrik Hiorth Aaeser in 1919, and 2nd Eric A. Knudsen, son of Valdemar Knudsen and Annie Sinclair, b. 29 July 1872, at Waiawa, Hawaii, res. Kihahuna, Koloa, Kawai, Hawai.

Upon his return, in 1898, he was Probate Judge of Graham County, Arizona, and was also four times elected County Superintendent of Schools. He then studied law and English at night. On May 17, 1899, he married Sarah E. Blake and they had seven children. His business activities included farming, raising pure bred cattle, merchandising, banking,manufacturing lumber and running an abstract office. "On June 4, 1912, the Governor of Arizona, George W. P. Hunt, appointed him a member of the State Land Commission, which commission had the responsibility of selecting and administering over ten million acres of grant lands given to Arizona with statehood. When the commission form of management was abolished by law he was appointed one of the State Land Appraisers. He was appointed the Superintendent of the State Reformatory which office he held during the year 1918, when a change of political party government ended his term. During this last named period he spent a month in New York attending a school of philanthropy and visiting other reformatories. In the year 1920 he moved with his family to Phoenix, Arizona, and entered into the real estate business. While in Phoenix he was active in church matters and a member of the stake high council. During the depression of 1921 he suffered heavy financial losses... In 1924 he moved with his family to San Diego, California, and . . . engaged in the Real Estate business... In 1928 he took the civil service examination and received an appointment as Deputy Real Estate Commissioner and was stationed at the San Francisco office, but lived in Berkeley." This is quoted from "A Brief Biography" by his wife Sarah Blake Moody, who added, "He is a man of understanding, judgment, sympathy and knowledge, all of which he has poured unstintingly into his life's service. No man is more deserving of the affection and gratitude he has received from those to whom he has dedicated the crowning years of a full,useful and distinguished life."

Upon the death of his second wife, he married Fanny Constance Wessman on April 30, 1932, having no children. She died in 1949 when he was age 79, and in 1949 he went on a mission to the Central Atlantic States, after which he decided to concentrate his remaining years on the genealogical records of the Moody, Damron and allied families, producing The Moody Family Record, and also compiling the section on John Damron and Sarah Elizabeth Shultz in the Dameron-Damron Genealogy. He was the chief organizer of the Moody Family Organization, and it was due chiefly to his efforts that the genealogy work was carried on. On the 13th of July, 1950, he married Amy Gertrude Toye born Feb. 5, 1874, in England and educated at the Young Ladies' College in Birmingham, daughter of Alfred Toye and Jane Browning Toye.

When I visited William A. Moody in 1952, he was age 82, but still a handsome figure of a man, with warm brown eyes, a ready smile, and outgoing personality. He is one of the last of his generation and when he is gone, there will be few left like him. He was the pure product of the old Virginia and Kentucky ancestry which pioneered in the Southwest and gave it the undefineable stamp which novelists try to recapture and usually fail. He gave the impression of being what used to be called a "Southern gentleman," very chivalrous toward women and gentle and kind, but full of purpose and determination to carry out any project he set out upon, and indefatigable in the pursuit of it. He wrote to me that he found it necessary to get up at five o'clock in order to fill his day's schedule. When you realize that his father was born in 1819, and that he and his father were among the pioneers in the new settlements in Nevada and Arizona, it makes American history seem to cover a brief span. On both sides he had Revolutionary ancestry whose forebears were among the early founders of Virginia, and whose descendants were among the founders of several new settlements in their westward migration. They were people of courage and imagination who were equal to anything and knew it. They did not have time to whine and complain and no inclination to do so, as we see in the record of the life of W. A. Moody.

THE ANCESTRY OF CAPT. JOHN DAMRON, BORN 1757

After a long and difficult search, we have at last narrowed down the ancestry of Capt. John Damron b. 1757, and also his record in the Revolution has been established with the D.A.R. in Washington, D.C. Ruth Damron Dorius proved that the company of Capt. Thomas Walker of the 9th Virginia was raised in and around Albemarle County, Va. so this proves that John joined up from Albemarle and was therefore the grandson of Lazarus Dameron of Albemarle. Ruth Burdette of Kentucky proved that Wilson, Charles and John T. Dameron were of the George Dameron family of Albemarle, and as they were with John Damron's family in Illinois and Tennessee, this is convincing proof of the close relationship. The ancestry of John Damron, therefore, is as follows:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Northumberland County, Virginia, before 1652, with his wife Dorothy, their children being Bartholomew, eldest, George, Thomas, Samuel, Lawrence, Jr. and Dorothy who married Josias Gaskins and Samuel Mahan.

II. GEORGE DAMERON, who married Elizabeth Dennis, widow of John Dennis. He inherited the Guarding Point estate in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia. His will was administered by Bartholomew in 1702. His children were: Col. Thomas 1683-1750, of Wicomico; Elizabeth m. Charles Ingram; Lazarus; and George, m. Margaret Taylor, daughter of Lazarus and 2d Thomas Winter.

III. LAZARUS DAMERON, who was the first Dameron to sell his ancestral acres and leave the county in 1725. In 1726 he was in King George County, Va. In 1748 he had a land grant in Albemarle on the north side of the upper James River. His will was proved Feb. 14, 1749, in Albemarle. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Smith, mentioned in her father's will Nov. 20, 1721. Richard Smith was guardian of Samuel Smith, orphan of John Smith, in a record of May 22, 1745, his mother being Hannah Smith. Malachi Burbery or Burborough's will Jan. 9, 1751, mentions "my Aunt Ann Dameron, my cousin George Dameron and my cousin Samuel Smith." The children of Lazarus Dameron were: (Order of birth is not known).

1. Winefred, m. John Thomas and had a son Charles mentioned in the will of Lazarus Dameron 1749, John Thomas and John Dameron being executors, and the witnesses being John Thomas and John Thomas, Jr.

2. Hannah, heir to 200 acres of land on Hardware River, Albemarle, in her brother Richard's will, 1749, to go to Judith if Hannah had no heirs.

3. Richard, d.s.p. 1749. In 1748 he had a land grant next to John Dameron and Benjamin Woodson on Hardware River and Woodson's Creek, Albemarle, Va.

4. Judith married Noble Ladd. Their daughter, Anna Ladd, m. Capt. John Damron b. 1757, a first cousin. The Ladds were Quakers of Albemarle County, Va.

5. John Dameron d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1757, inventory dated May 23, 1757, the appraisers being Benjamin Damrel (the name Dameron was usually spelled Damerel or Damrel by the family of Lazarus Dameron and also by other Damerons in early documents), Amber Porter, Glover Davenport. John's land grant in 1748 adjoined that of his brother Richard and Benjamin Woodson and was on both sides of Woodson's Creek of Hardware River. His son Charles was a Revolutionary soldier, 2d Va. Regt.

6. Perhaps Benjamin Damrel, who signed John Dameron's inventory 1757, Albemarle.

7. Moses Dameron, who inherited his father's plantation, no record of any sale.

8. George Dameron, also spelled Dameril, son of Lazarus and mentioned in his will. He had a land grant in 1748 of 1407 acres on the south side of the Fluvanna (upper James) River, adjoining Michael Thomas and Major Howard. This was cut off into Buckingham Co. in 1761 and ran along the river. The tax lists for 1784 show George Dameron and Michael Dameron in Buckingham.

George Dameron had land on both sides of James River, then called the Fluvanna, and in 1755 had a patent on Hardware River and Briery Creek in Albemarle, 400 acres next to Hugh Morris (Hugh Rice Morris was the uncle of Charles Dameron.) This was "on the north side of Hardware River and on Briery Creek." The Hardware River region at the mouth was cut off into Fluvanna in 1777, while Amherst was formed from Albemarle in 1761 and Nelson from Amherst 1808.

On Aug. 8, 1767, George Damron of Buckingham and Geo. Hilton had an indenture for 300 acres in Albemarle County, Va. (In 1860 Robert B. Damron bought land from Turner in Buckingham, so the family was still there. Also in 1879 was the will of John Dameron of Buckingham mentioning son John B., daughters, Margarett, Nancy, Mary, Martha; James Damron 1919, wife Clementine C.)

George Dameron's wife was named Anne, and the name was unreadable in a record of Nov. 14, 1749, between Geo. Damron of St. Anns Parish and James Peter, 147 acres of land granted to Geo. Damron by patent bearing date Dec. 1748, in Albemarle Co. on south side Fluvanna River; George appeared in court with wife Anne _____ Dameron who relinquished her right of dower to estate conveyed to James Peter. (Page 137, Book 1.) St. Anns parish may have been on both sides of the river, but we know it was on the south as in 1750 Noble Ladd of St.Anns Parish sold to Peter Jefferson (father of President Thomas Jefferson of Albemarle) a plantation situated in "St. Anns' Parish on South side of James River."

The name of Ann in the above record appeared to be "Tuone" or "Thone". I asked Jenine T. Grayson of Charlottesville, who had written a history of Albemarle County not yet published and was referred to me by Ann Waller Reddy, if she could identify this name and she answered that in all her research she had seen only one name like it and that was Thorpe. Mrs. Burdette answered: "I have never seen that name Thone. Could it have been Thorn? I see there were four Thorns in the 1782-85 census in Va., one, Michael, in Fairfax, Valentine and Peter in Hampshire, also Frederick."

Alimae Aiken of Madison College for Girls, Harrisonburg, Va. wrote Dec. 24, 1953: "In Nelson just over the county line I talked with a lady of about sixty years who was a Dameron before marriage. She told me that her oldest sister, seventy-six, lived at a small town close by and that she had a number of family records and that an old Dameron cemetery was in the vicinity but very inaccessible. This was all in the neighborhood of Hardware River. I have talked with the Damerons in Goochland County and find that they came from Brunswick Co. at no early date and I can trace their line straight down from Bartholomew."

The children of George Dameron were the following, not in order of birth:

(1) Michael, taxed in Buckingham 1784, who may have had sons Page and Dunmore.

(2) Daniel, who had a substitute in the 6th Va. Regiment in 1777, with George.

(3) Perhaps Charles in Nelson County, Va. 1810, and other children not traced.

(4) Perhaps William of Amherst in 1791-1795, m. Susanna Lee, a widow 1787.

(5) George Dameron, who was with Morgan's Riflemen in the Revolution, 1777-1778, 6th Virginia Regiment. He m. Susanah Thomas, daughter of John and Ann Thomas. She m. second, John Peter Bondurant in Lincoln County, Ky. Sept. 28, 1797, and third, Campbell Goode in Adair Co., Ky. Aug. 13,1813. Order Book 2, p. 56, July, 1801, shows J. P. Bondurant and Susana,his wife, appointed adms. of Geo. Damron, dec'd., Robert Thomas, security, Bond L 800, as found by Ruth Burdette, who also found in Will Book 1, of the same Green County, Ky., the inventory on p. 45, of George Damron, Aug. 13, 1801: 4 slaves, 2 horses, 5 cattle, 23 hogs, farming tools and small amount of household furniture, value L 308.10.6. Mrs. Burdette wrote: "The reason George Damron's inventory is in Green Co. is that his widow married in Lincoln and moved here with her husband soon after, they bringing George Damron's property with them. You see, they moved to Green River which was in Green Co. but they were a high up on the river and when Adair was cut off in 1801, they fell in that county. They had not moved very far from Lincoln Co.

The children of George Dameron and Susanah Thomas were: Mickey, Wilson, George W., JohnT., Robert T., Samuel and Joseph, and some of their descendants still live in Adair County, Ky. The fact that the descendants of Wilson and John T. Damron lived near the John Damron family in Illinois and Tennessee proves the close connection. John T. Damron was probably b. 1790 in Virginia and in 1814 in Adair Co., Ky. he m. Sarah Ann Winneford b. 1795 in Va. In 1857,he m. second, Emily J. Hardin and had by her one son, name unknown to Mrs. Burdette. John T. Damron was in Weakley County, Tenn. 1830, with the Damrons of John's family, and with Charles Damron, son of Wilson Damron of Adair Co., Ky. Also John T. Damron was in Williamson County, Ill. 1840 with 6 males. John T. Damron was candidate for Sheriff of Williamson Co. in Sept. 1839, according to Walter R. Sanders.

Wilson, son of George Dameron and Susanah Thomas, m. in Green County, Ky. Sarah McClain, daughter of Charles McClain, Robt. Thomas, guardian, on Mar. 14, 1800. Wilson was a scout with Daniel Boone and was with a fur company at one time, making an exploration to Yellowstone River, perhaps with Daniel Boone who went there. His son Charles m. Mary Carson and moved to Weakly County, Tenn. where he lived until 1832, then returned to Illinois. He was in Franklin Co., Ill. 1818 census, beside John Damron, Sr. and John Damron, Jr. and Wilson had gone first to Illinois from Kentucky.

This McClain (also spelled McLean and McLane) family is doubtless the same as that of Sarah Elizabeth Shultz b. Adair County, Ky. who m. John Damron, Jr. John R. Shultz m. Susannah McLain b. 1772 in Pennsylvania, and their children were John McLain Shultz b. about 1792, David b. 1794, Charles McLain b. 1796, d. in Missouri, Joseph b. 1798, Sarah Elizabeth b. 18 Apr. 1799, in Adair Co., m. John Damron. Adair Bible records show John McClain Sr. b. Feb. 26, 1776, m. 1800 Polly (Mary) Coffey. He was probably a brother of Susannah who m. J.R. Shultz. (Note: Allen McLane of "McLane's Raiders" was a famous Revolutionary hero in Pennsylvania, when his men supplied Washington's starving soldiers at Valley Forge.)

Ruth Burdette also searched for the McClain and Shultz records. She foundin Green Co., Ky. Order Book 2, p. 40, July 21, 1801, land certificates for 100 acres each to Charles McLain, John Shultz, Minitree Monday, Samuel Monday and John McClain. Alsoin Order Book 2, p. 128, July 16, 1799: John Breeding, David Shultz, Robert Thomas and Michael Lutterl view the best way for a road from Abraham Riffes on Green River to Tucker's old Station, Robert Thomas to build a mill on Sulphur Fork of Russell's Creek. Mrs. Burdette wrote that in Green Co. "There were no Damron, Mc Clain or Shultz deeds. You see that Charles McLain, John Shultz and John McClain all got county grants of land. With their names were the Monday men who also lived on Green River and who came from North Carolina, I happen to know. I saw David Shultz name on a road order too. That path was taken by Adair's first settlers 1789."

IV. GEORGE DAMRON, son of Lazarus Dameron and Elizabeth Smith, or Moses.

V. JOHN DAMRON, b. January 12, 1757, whose will was dated Sept. 5, 1835, in Franklin County, Illinois. At the age of 18 he joined Capt. Thomas Walker's Company as a drummer, 9th Virginia Regiment of militia, which was raised in and around Albemarle County, Va., the home county of Thomas Jefferson and the cradle of Jeffersonian Democracy, which was also the native county of the Ladd family. The 9th Virginia was in the Battle of Cooch's Bridge, Aug. 9, 1777, in the Battle of Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777, in Pennsylvania, and on Oct. 4, 1777, John Damron was taken prisoner at the Battle of Germantown. He was apparently exchanged with some other prisoners held in Philadelphia, such as James Lewis of the same unit. John Damron was with Morgan's Riflemen, the most famous fighting unit of the Revolution, as his company was nearly all selected as expert riflemen for Morgan's unit. In the winter of 1778 he was sick at Valley Forge during the "terrible winter" when George Washington was there. At White Plains, N.Y., which was Washington's headquarters, he joined up in the Continental line for a two-year stretch, Sept. 8, 1778.

We believe John Damron, after the Revolution, went to the Cumberland Gap region, which was the wilderness road to Kentucky and Tennessee. Annals of Southwest Virginia by Summers, shows in Washington County, Va. Will Book 1, p. 40: Wm. Dorton's will, leaving bequests to wife Eliz. and to children, Wm., Moses, Edward and Sally. Witness: John Damron and Wm. Dorton, Jr. This was found on p. 1344, between two other wills dated Feb. and March, 1780. In the 1780's many Revolutionary soldiers went to Washington County and nearby to fight the Indians and protect the settlers, the first Kentucky settlement being at Harrodsburg, 1774. Among the frontier soldiers here who fought at King's Mountain were: Zach. Isbell, John Jones, John McCormick, Rob. Lucas, James Robertson, Wm. Clark (on the 9th Va. pay roll), James Cooper, Abr. Cox, Edw. Cox, John Cox, Sr. and Jr, Wm. Cox, David Crockett, William Crockett, Thomas Dedman (Richard was on the pay roll) Drury Goodman, John and Joseph Dunham, Rice Durron, John Moore, Dan, Gideon, Shardick Morris, Jos. and Isaac Wilson, James Stuart. This was taken from Gwathmey's book on the King's Mountain men by Ruth Dorius. George Dameron of Lincoln County, N.C. was also at King's Mountain, and so was Lazarus Dameron who was in Washington Co., Va. and fought under Col. Campbell, the hero of King's Mountain. Mark Whitaker was also in Washington Co. Ruth Damron Dorius said that in the Annals of Southwest Virginia and Tazewell "the names are the same as on the list in the Revolutionary pay rolls and in Illinois--it is amazing."

Capt. John Damron was in Virginia, in 1791, when his son John, Jr. was born, and also in 1799 when his son Moses was born. In 1811, he was in Tennessee, however, as Agnes was born there, place unknown, and in 1815, Oct. 27, Elvira was born in Illinois, so he was there in that year.

He was a licensed "exhorter" or circuit-rider for the Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the travelling preachers who went from county to county and state to state after the Revolution when this new church broke off from the Church of England in 1784. There is a new book, The Puritan Heritage, by G. M. Stephenson, which describes the development of Methodist. It was a belated Puritan reformation similar to that which the Puritans of Massachusetts brought about under earlier conditions when they founded New England. One of the important revival centers was the Green River area in Kentucky.

According to the tradition John Damron took a flatboat on the Mississippi when he brought his family to Illinois. Ruth Dorius searched every Tennessee county in the 1800 census and found nothing, and also every Kentucky county in the 1810 census and found nothing, hence we do not know where he was before coming to Illinois. As he was a travelling preacher, he could have covered a wide area in his circuit, and revivals were held sometimes only once or twice a year in a given place.

In his book The Puritan Heritage, G. M. Stephensen, 1952, traced the history of Methodism, p. 62 et. seq. It was at the time of the Great Awakening of Jonathan Edwards in America in the year 1740 that a similar movement began in England. He says that until 1784, the year following the formal recognition of American independence "was a lay movement within the Church of England." In Baltimore, 1784, the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in the U.S. "It was a religion and a church which made a strong appeal to a people moving from frontier to frontier... carried by itinerant preachers in the service of a church whose flexible government was smoothly adjusted to meet the changing conditions... In England, Methodism was the 'poor man's religion.' In America, Methodist ministers preached sermons that were understood by the plain people... Methodist exhorters emphasized the dignity of the human soul. Methodism contained nothing newin doctrine... John Wesley wrote in his Journal, 1788: 'The Methodists alone do not insist on your holding this or that opinion, but they think and let think. Neither do they impose any particular mode of worship."

Before the Revolution no American bishop had been ordained in the Church of England. Wesley took a stand against the Revolution and finally the name was changed in 1780 to the Protestant Episcopal Church." In 1773 Thomas Rankin and George Shadford, two Methodists from England, landed at Philadelphia and called the first conference. The preachers attending reported 1100 members. They called their places of worship chapels and meeting houses, never churches. Francis Asbury b. in England 1745 was the main force in the new religion. In 1784, he ordained, or rather Wesley did, Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey as presbyters for America, and they took ship. Asbury insisted on separating from the English church.

p. 76: "The rapid growth in membership of the Methodist Church has been attributed to the itinerant ministry and the circuit system. The circuit riders wrote a large chapter in the history of the West. There was a proverbial saying of bitterly cold days: 'There is nothing out today but crows and Methodist preachers.'... The poverty of the itinerant ministers furnishes ample proof of their devotion... Many nights the itinerant had to camp out without fuel or food. His library was the Bible, hymnbook, the Book of Discipline, Peter Cartwright, one of the most colorful circuit riders, admitted that many of them could not conjugate a verb or parse a sentence, and murdered the King's English 'almost every lick.'... During that year, Cartwright received about forty dollars; but many of the preachers did not receive half that amount." They could never get enough for a suit of clothes and wore homespun given by the "sisters." "The camp meeting appeared as a frontier phenomenon in the closing years of the eighteenth century and the early years of the nineteenth. ...It became one of the most important institutions of the frontier; and its technique was even appropriated in political campaigns... Camp meetings were social gathering and emotional outlets; and people came for miles and stayed for days to participate in them... Hundreds would lie for hours and sometimes for days in a state of insensibility... Men and women jerked backward and forward with such rapidity and violence that their bodies would bend so as to bring their heads near the floor, and the hair of the women would crack like the lash of a whip... necks were broken. James Bradley Finley set out to a camp meeting in Kentucky in 1801... The vast sea of human beings--estimated by some to have numbered twenty-five thousand--seemed to be agitated as if by a storm. He counted seven ministers, all preaching at one time, some on stumps, others in wagons." The circuit riders, p. 79, where "men of strong decisive character; their faces were deeply tanned ... Many times they were forced to take shelter in smoking wigwams or in crude unfurnished log cabins and to make beds of gathered leaves." They used expressions like flash in the pan, pull up stakes, "to be a caution," backwoods, canebrakes, corn shucking, dugout, snag, etc. in their sermons which were "of short, pungent words...almost Indian in character."

Capt. John Damron b. 1757 married Anna Ladd, but we are unable to find any record of the marriage. They had thirteen children, and by his second wife, he had six more, a total of 19. According to the family register of the Damrons in Vienna, Illinois, "Anna Damron, his wife, was born Mch. 4, 1765, and died Feb. 8, 1804."

Now who was his second wife? Or he may have had more than two, and couldhave married Sarah Moore in between. I found in the Marriage Bonds of Campbell County, Va. "John Damron m. Sarah Moore, dau. of William, John Moore, Surety, 12-24-1804," p. 809. This may have taken place in Lynchburg, the trading center for the whole region of the upper James river. It was the logical time for John Damron to remarry to find a mother for his babies, and we also find a "Sary Damron" on his congregation list in Illinois later on,though this might have been Sarah, wife of John Damron, Jr. or Sarah McCormack Damron. The Moore family were close to the Damerons in Amherst and we find William Moore's name next to that of George Damron in the pay bills of the Revolution several times. John Ladd m. Ann W. Moore, in Fluvanna, Va. 1796, and George W. Moore made an affidavit for Charles Dameron (p. 24, part One), etc. We could find nothing in the Campbell County History,Va., though we found in the 1850's Col. Joseph Cabell of Rockingham Co. and Col. Fleming of Augusta Co., and Robert Dameron of Campbell Co. In Charlotte County, which was in the "Cumberland Parish" region Sarah Dameron, Sarah Dameron in 1797 deeded a tract of land with Robt. Ligon, Carrington, etc. apparently a land speculation by a group (Ligon Genealogy, p. 433.) She appears to be a widow.

Nell Crawford Elkins Pearce of W. Memphis, believes that the last wife of John Damron was named Cynthia, possibly of the Thompson family. She wrote: "When this Cynthia Damron died intestate in Johnson County, Ills. July, 1845 (Records in Probate Judge's Office, Box No. 58) the administrators appointed were Stephen Gill and Noah Thompson Damron. Purchasers at sale of the estate, July, 1845:

"Philander Yandel	W. J. Wise	J.W. Oglesby
Wm. Carmicle	James Gill (brother	Isaac Jefferson Damron
Jesse Choat	of Stephen)	Absolom Nichols
Eliza Henderson	J.A. Wilson	James O'Neal
Stephen Gill	Joseph Newton	Sarah Newton
Dan'l E. Hall	Mathew Gray	David McDaniel
David P. Upchurch	Benjamine Choat	Nathan Rusken.

"That 'Sary' at the church with John, Sr. and his family I think was the wife of John, Jr. this date being Sept. 2, 1822. John, Jr. m. Sarah Shultz. This is the only time Sary ever appeared with family in Illinois, according to records I have. In 1827-33 John and his wife, Sarah, were in Weakly County, Tenn. In 1835 he was in Barry Co., Mo. In 1856 he died in Texas. Always with him was Sarah or Sarah Elizabeth. Agnes and Stephen Gill named one of their sons Stephen Thompson Gill. Maybe one Noah Thompson was Cynthia's grandfather. Why did Cynthia name her first son David? I am trying to eliminate all David Ladds, also David Thompsons. My mother was Rebecca Alma Meadows, daughter of Sarah Ann Gill, who was daughter of Stephen Gill and Agnes Damron. Sarah Ann Gill m. Isiah Meadows who was b. 1815 in Kentucky."

Ruth Dorius wrote: "I looked up Milton Ladd in Jackson Co., Ill. 1830 census. He was 40-50 years old, so he could not be Cynthia's father. Her mother could have been a Ladd." This data was sent to me by Walter R. Sanders, 605 N. Walnut Street, Litchfield, Ill. who specializes in finding families in Illinois from Ky. and Tenn. "Milton Ladd: Jackson Co., Ill. 1830 census: 1 male 0-5; 1 male 10-15; 1 male 15-30, 1 male 40-50, 2 females 0-5, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 15-20, 1 female 40-50." He also noted in the 1830 census: John Damron, Franklin Co., Ill. 1 male 5-10,1 male 30-40, 1 male 70-80, 2 females 10-15, 1 female 50-60.

The children of Capt. John Damron and Anna Ladd were as follows, being doubly descended from Damerons as Anna Ladd's mother was Judith Dameron, sister of John's father. The dates of birth are taken from the Damron family register of Vienna, Ill. The other information was found chiefly by Ruth Damron Dorius and Mariam Damron Cropper.

1. "Joseph Damron, the first son, born 22 December, 1781." He was in the Russell County, Va. census for 1820 with 3 males, 5 females and 7 slaves, found by Ruth Dorius. This is near the Cumberland Gap region and Washington Co. There was a Russell County circuit of the Methodist church and Mrs. Dorius wrote: "I spent hours reading five volumes of Holston Methodist books, nothing indexed, found nothing new, only there was a Russell circuit." This was the Holston River region where the first settlements took place. The Holston is below Clinch River, and the Cumberland.

2. "Solomon Damron, the second son, born 2 October, 1783." He is not mentioned in his father's will, 1835.

3. "Betsey Damron, the first daughter, born 3 March, 1785." She may have been named for Elizabeth Smith, her grandmother. The Gallatin County, Ill. marriage records showed on the same day: "Elizabeth Damron m. Taylor Nelson, 1 May, 1817, and George Damron m. Elizabeth Heap, 1 May, 1817."

4."Judith Damron, the second daughter, born 4 March, 1787." She was named for Judith Dameron,mother of Anna Ladd.

5."William Damron, the third son, born 10 February, 1789." William Damron is in the 1830 census of Franklin County, Ill. with 3 males, 4 females, thus: Males ages 5 to 10, two; males 40-50, one; females under 5, three, females from 10 to 15, one; females 20 to 30, one.

6. "John Damron (Jr.), the fourth son, born 19 May, 1791." He married Sarah Elizabeth Shultz and died in Texas in 1856. He was County Judge of Henderson County.

7. "George & Polly Damron, fifth son and third daughter, born 12 March, 1793." Both are mentioned in John Damron, Sr.'s will 1835. On May 1, 1817, George married Elizabeth Heap in Gallatin County, Ill. "George Damron is found in the 1818 Franklin County,Ill. census, and John Damron in the 1820 census of Franklin Co. Your people were not found in Union or Williamson Counties in my files," according to Walter R. Sanders of Litchfield, Ill. In the 1818 index of Washington County, Ill. Ruth Dorius noted George Damron, over 21, with 4 in the house.

8. Polly Damron, twin, above.

9."Noble Ladd Damron, sixthson, born 16 March, 1795." Noble Damron is in the 1830 census of Franklin County, Ill. with 3 males and 4 females.

10. "Anna Damron, fourth daughter, born 23 December, 1797."

11. "Moses Damron, seventh son, born 6 June, 1799." Ruth Dorius found Moses Damron in Collin County, Texas, 1850 census: Age 50, real estate value $75, born in Va.; Susanna age 44, b. Tenn.; P. Damron age 27 (male), b. Tenn.; Jno. McClain, age 19, b. Tenn.; Wm. Y. Damron, age 16; George, age 11 b. Mo. Moses, age 9, born in Mo.; Sarah age 6, b. Mo. Mark age 2, b. Texas. (Wm. was b. in Tenn, age 16 above.) The wife of Moses appears to be of the McClain fam;ily of Adair County, Ky. W. W. Damron's records show that Moses Damron m. Susan McLain and Constantine,Sarah McCormick. Jeslyn Harrison found that Belveritta was the wife of another brother.

12."Constantine Ladd Damron, eighth son, born 5 May, 1801." Constant Damron is listed in Newton County, Missouri, along with his brothers John Damron and Moses Damron, in 1840, but by 1850 every name had disappeared. John and Moses went to Texas. The 1840 census above says: "Constant Damron 1 male, age 5-10, 1 age 20-30, 1 age 40-50; females, 2 under five, 2 from 5 to 10; 2 from 10-15 (no wife?) The same source listed Moses Damron: 1 male under 5, 2 from 5-10, 1 from 15-20, 1 from 40-50; females two from 5-10, 1 from 10-15, 1 from 30-40. Mrs. McC.Pearce wrote: "I do know that John's son, Constantine Ladd Damron, died at Cape Gireaudeau, Missouri. Think he. d. in 1850, left a will, no children, only name of wife, a very short will." His wife was Sarah McCormick.

We have the record from J.W.Damron of a daughter of Constantine Ladd Damron named SusanEmmaline who lived in Texas until 1857 with her husband William Coldiron, who died while crossing the plains. They had four children, two dying in infancy. She then married Israel Dodge Allphin of Walker County, Texas, and they lived in Pine Valley. Four of her children were drowned in a sudden flood, the baby being knocked out of her arms, and she died in Jan. 1879, from internal injuries due to being thrown from a horse while driving cattle on horseback. Her children by Israel Dodge Allphin were: Joseph Warren, Susan Emeline, Hyrum, David C., Anna P., Malissa Jane, Leanore, Rebecca P., Emma May, Samuel Taylor.

13. "Hulda Majors Damron, fifth daughter, born 8 November, 1803." This is the spelling of her name from Mrs. George Damron's records of Tucson, Arizona, in which all the dates are spelled out of this family, copied from an original record of J.W. Damron. She must have been named for Huldah Ladd who married the Rev. Majors, the daughter of Noble Ladd and ____ Davis, and sister of Noble Ladd, Jr. who m. Judith Dameron and was the father of Anna Ladd, the wife of John Damron. Hulda Majors Damron married James Addleton in Johnson County, Ill. in 1830.

14. "David Damron, the ninth son, born 5 October, 1807." This is the second family of John Damron, or at least the child of his second wife, as Anna Ladd died in 1804, probably as a result of the birth of Hulda Majors. In the 1830 census of Franklin County, Illinois, we find David Damron with William and John. David had 1 male and 2 females listed. We also find in Union County, Ill. 1870 census: Dameron, David, age 34, farmer, $800 valuation, born in Ill., Louise E., 30 years of abe b. Ill; James C. age 11, b. Mo., Lucinda age 9, b. Mo., David N., age 7 b. Ill., Elenora C. age 5, b. Ill.

In Barry County, Mo. together with John Damron, Jr. b. 1791, we find George Damron. Ruth Dorius found in Goodspeed's History of Barry County, Mo.: "George Damron was administrator of the estate of Jacob Cogle, 1836. George Damron apptd. viewer of new road from Mt. Pleasant to VanBuren, Nov. 1836."

15. "Suckey Damron, the sixth daughter, born 24 April, 1809." On Mrs. George Damron's list is the phrase: "Suckey Damron departed this life on the 9th day of August, 1810."

16. "Agnes Damron, the seventh daughter, born 31 July, 1811." She married Stephen Gill, son of Benegar Gill, a Revolutionary soldier who enlisted in Delaware. Agnes was born in Tennessee according to the census. Her children were: John C., Polly, Benjamin, Monroe, Stephen Thompson, Elizabeth, Sarah Ann and Milton. Sarah Ann Gill m. Isiah Meadows b. 1815 in Ky. and their daughter Rebecca Alma Meadows was the mother of Nell Crawford Elkins Pearce, who helped in the research on the Dameron genealogy, res. 500 Avalon Drive, W. Memphis, Arkansas. Mrs. Pearce believes the mother of Agnes Damron was named Cynthia, possibly a daughter of the Thompson family.

17. "Elvira Damron, the eighth daughter, born 27 October, 1815." She was born in Illinois according tothe census. The 1880 census of Johnson County, Ill., at New Burnside had: "Elvira Whiteker, 64 years,widow, housekeeper (has rheumatism) born Ill., father (born) N.C., mother (born) N.C." The 1860 census of Johnson County, Ill, showed No. 59: "Elvira Whitaker 45, housekeeper, born Ill., Allen 23, farmer, Am., 21, farmer, Mary 19, housekeeper, John 17, farmer, all born in Ill." No. 60 next door was: Mark Whitaker, 27 farmer, b. Ill. John W. 21, farmer, Ill., Dianah, 18, housekeeper, Ohio." Mrs. Chapman's History of Johnson County said Hall Whiteaker and his wife Elvira settled first in Williamson County, and later in Johnson near what is now New Burnside "on the road leading from Cape Gireardeau to Shawneetown." Other early settlers were Harper, Choate, Lawrence, Howerton, Damron, Gill, Burton and Ballance. Dr. J.M.C. Damron was among the early settlers of Vienna, son of Charles and Mary Carson Damron and grandson of Wilson Damron.

Elvira Damron m. Hall Whiteaker on Jan. 26, 1832, who d. March 1, 1844. She died March 10, 1888. Their son was Capt. Mark Whiteaker b. Mar. 28, 1833, in Williamson County, Ill.d. Oct. 10, 1925. He was in Company G, 120th Infantry Regt. (Ill.) in the Civil War. He m. on Oct. 24, 1860, Elizabeth Deaton, b. Oct. 5, 1839, in Alabama, d. Feb. 4, 1937. They had eleven children, nine living to be grown. Their daughter Martha Elvira Whiteaker b. Mar. 3, 1866, m. Oscar Eldon Burris b. Dec. 1, 1861, d. March 16, 1932, and they had six children, four still living in 1953. Their son Melvin Reed Burris b. Dec. 11, 1892, m. Rubye Bynum, and their daughter Jeslyn Faye Burris b. Feb. 21, 1919, m. Leo A. Harrison, and has a daughter Jane age 10 in 1953, residing in Springfield, Ill.

Ruth Damron Dorius found Mark Whitaker in Washington County, Va. She also found in the 1830 census of Lincoln County, Tenn. John J. Whitaker age 40-50 and Mark Whitaker age 70-80. In the 1818 census she found in Union County, Ill. Alexander and Thomas Whitaker, and in White Co., Ill. Robert and Benj. Whitaker. In the Lincoln County, Tenn. 1850 census she found Benj. Whitaker age 57, b. Ky., with Susan b. Ga., Benj., Susan, Nathan, Ann, and Martha; also Daniel Whitaker, age 53, b. Ky., Nancy 48 b. Tenn., Drucilla, Eliz., Melton B., Malissa, Daniel, Robert, and Caladonia. In the Johnson County, 1860 census, Ill. she found James Whitaker, 39, b. Mississippi, Minerva 42 b. Tenn., Phineas, 16 b. Miss., Sylvester 10, b. Ark.

18. "Malissa Damron, the ninth daughter, born 10 April, 1818." She was born in Franklin County, Ill. Mariam Damron Cropper found her marriage in Benton, Franklin County, Ill. "Malissa Damron md. William Choat 30 April 1836 by David Norman, J.P. p. 1." She also found here John McLain m. Malinda Smith 20 March, 1829, and were still there in 1843. James McLain m. Lydia Smith 4 Nov. 1839. Miliza McClane m. Eli Smith, Oct. 1, 1846.

Ruth Dorius found in the 1860 census, Johnson County, Ill.: No. 34 Absolom Choat age 50, b. Tenn., Lucinda 50, Wm. C. 27, Jackson, 17, Rebecca J., 14, Alexander H., 12, Nancy 8, John McC. 6, C. H. Colbought 16, all ch. b. in Illinois. Also listed No. 32 was George W. Choat 25 b. Ill., Mary A. 19, b. Ill., Nancy 3 weeks. No. 33 was Absolom Choat age 30 b. Ill., Cathrine 25, b. Ky., Ezekial 4, b. Ill., Thomas 2, b. Ill. No. 34 was Benjamin Choat age 30, b. Ill., Louisa 24, b. Ill., Jackson 9, b. Ill., Sarah 7, Ill., Mary 6, Ill., Wm. 3, Ill., J. Allen 1, Ill. No. 35 was Silas Choate age 28, b. Ill., Emily 30, b. Tenn., Mary A. 5, Ill.; Melinda 1, b. Ill., Margaret 58 b. Ky., Nicholas 25 b. Ill., Wm. 23 b. Ill., Jane 21, b. Ill., Margaret, Jr., 18 b. Ill. No. 71 was Benjamin Choat age 30, Sarah 28, Mary A. 12, Marion 10, Wm. 6, Amanda 4, Nicholas 2, all born in Ill.

On the 1860 census, Johnson Co., Ill. she also found Burrises from N.C. and Ky.

In the Methodist New Testament dated 1815, owned by Charles T. Damron was a slip of paper with the names unreadable: "Jese Choat bourn Mar 1836, William Choat 1863."

19. "Noah Thompson Damron, the tenth son born 12 December, 1823." He was born in Illinois and married Mary Ann Thornton, b. Dec. 23, 1827. They were married May 14, 1846, and had the following children as sent by Charles Thompson Damron of New Burnside, Illinois.

(1.) 1st son born May 13, 1847, died in infancy, May 17, 1847.
(2.) Isaac Jefferson Damron b. June 17, 1848, moved to Oklahoma and died there. He had children, names unknown. In the 1860 census, Johnson County, Ill. we find listed with No. 59 Elvira Whitaker: "Isaac I. Dameron, 19 born Ill., Jasper S., age 12, born Ill." Other neighbors were Ballances and Thorntons. Wm. J. Damron of Progress, Union County, Ill. wrote in 1917: "My father's name was Jasper W. Damron. He had an uncle name of Jefferson, George W., and David. Also he had a great-uncle by the name of Jefferson." Marion Cropper wrote that "John Cebern andIsaac Jefferson were raised in the home of Elvira Damron Whitaker, as both, parents, Noah Thompson and Mary Ann Thornton died very early." Apparently above Jasper W. Damron was also living with Elvira Whitaker and may have been a son of Noah Thompson Damron.
(3.) John Ceburn Damron, born March 7,1851, died Feb. 1918. He m. Lucinda C. Cook Jan. 3, 1872, and their children were:

Nora Jane Damron b. 15 Nov. 1873.
Charles Thompson Damron b. 16 July 1875, m. Patience M. Parker b.3-8-1875.
Maudy Luvina Damron b. 2 Apr. 1882.
Frank Norval b. Jan. 26, 1887, d. 6 Dec. 1929, age 41. He m. Mary Murphy 8 Aug. 1912, and they had two children alive at his death, son J.L.
Samantha Alice b. 21 Feb. 1891, m. Lambert and lived in Ozark, Ill., son named J.D.

(4.) Possibly Jasper W. Damron found in the census of 1860 with Isaac J. Damron, living with Elvira Whitaker. He was then age 12. He could have been an orphan cousin, also. The letter from Wm. J. Damron said: "A few years ago a family of Damrons lived in Vienna, Johnson Co., and my folks told me that we were relations however, I never met any of them, and my grandparents told me that by marriage she was related to a family of Whitakers in Johnson Co."

VI. JOHN DAMRON, JR. born May 19, 1791, in Virginia, according to the 1850 census of Henderson County, Texas: "John Damron, age 59, farmer, born Virginia, value of real estate $640, Sarah Damron,age 51, wife, born Kentucky." He was the son of Capt. John Damron and Anna Ladd, and he was executor of his father's will in 1835, where the bequest is written "To my son John I give my large Family Bible."

In Henderson County on the 1850 census we also find: "John S. Damron, age 32, $640, b. Tenn., Sally b. Ind., Nathaniel C., b. Texas, Laury L. b. Texas." He appears to be of the Adair County, Ky. Damron branch.

In the Territorial Census, 1818, Franklin County, Ill. Little Saline, p. 26, we find: "Damern, John S. males over 21 (2); all other whites (9). Damern, John, Jr. free whites over 21 (1); all other whites (4.) This is the father and son. We also find in the 1820 State Census, Franklin Co. p. 55: "Damron, Charles, free whites over 21 (1), all other whites (4). This was the son of Wilson Damron of Ky.

We then find in Newton County, Missouri, 1840 census: "John Damron with 3 persons under five, three from 10-15, one from 20-30, one from 40-50--males; females two under five, one from 5-10, one from 10-15, three from 30-40, one from 40-50. This is John Damron,Jr. and his wife and children, and with them were Moses Damron and Constant Damron. All names disappeared from the 1850 census. Also on the same census 1840 were: Joshua W. Brock, John Pennington, Nathan Richardson, Elijah Pennington. In 1835 Barry Co. included Newton, which wascut off 1838-39.

John Damron, Jr. lived in Virginia as a boy as his brother Moses was born there 1799. He came to Illinois with his father, as they are found together in 1818 in Franklin County. Previous to this his daughter and oldest child Susannah had been born 1816 in Tennessee, and also John Shultz, the second child, but the third, Annie Ladd was b. 1821 in Illinois. Milton in 1823 was born in Weakley County, Tenn. Then in 1835 Tildy was born in Barry County, Mo. John Damron, Jr. died in Texas 1856, and his brother Moses was also there in Collin County, 1850.

John Damron, and Sarah Elizabeth Shultz had ten children. The oldest was Susannah b. 1816 in Tennessee. She married Joshua Brock and had the "first pioneer marriage of Newton County," Missouri, according to Goodspeed's History of Newton County, Mo. "The first pioneer marriage of Newton County was Joshua Brock and bride was a daughter of pioneer Dameron who lived near Sarcoxie on Centre Creek. At Dameron's house they were united by Sq. Vivion and Brock took his wife to his new cabin--all furnished--leaving a merry party to celebrate the eventat his father-in-law's." Sarcoxie is now in Jasper County not far from Joplin, and near the Newton county border. Joshua Brock's house was on Shoal Creek, Mt. Pleasant township.

George Dameron was here also in 1836 and viewed the new road from Mt. Pleasant to VanBuren, Nov. 1836. John Shultz was appointed Judge for Tryon township May 19, 1835. In Barry Co., Mo. John R. Shultz was Justice of the Peace and performed marriages in 1837-38-39, but none after that. He was the father of Sarah Elizabeth Shultz.

John Damron, Jr. was the Judge of his county in Texas--Chief Justice of Henderson County. Ruth Dorius found a reference in Memorials and Biographical History of Texas (1893, Lewis Publ. Co.), though there was nothing in the index.

"At house of Wm. Ware on Tuesday, 4 Aug. 1846--present and presiding was Hon. John Damron. John Damron, Chief Justice, Wm. Peters, James Naudain and Peter Hill, commissioners. B. Shankle, Sheriff, and Albert G. Kimbell, Clerk.

In October, 1847, the precincts were laid off. Buffalo was the first County seat."On July 13, 1848, Mr. Damron declared permanent the new site of Centerville--to be the county seat, as it rec'd the largest number of votes." The three main settlements at Henderson were: Caney, Turkey and Buffalo Creeks. John Damron's neighbors were: Jacob Scott, M.D. Blue, Whiteheads, Wm. Ware, A. M. Cobb, Fanchers, Daniels, James Boggs, A. J. Hunter, John Rearson. Also in the county were the family of Ratliff (in Ill. 1818), and two families of Ball.

"John Damron lived in the upper part, or what is now the two offspring counties to the north, near Trinity river," Ruth Dorius found.

Annabel Walker wrote: Milton Wesley Damron "and his parents were members of the Mercer Colony who settled on the Trinity River in Texas, Dec. 20, 1844. Mercer was a man hired by the government to colonize Texas. These pioneer families obtained grants of land, 640 acres to heads of families." She also wrote: "Both John Damron, Jr. and my great-grandfather John Pennington and their families came with Mercer's group. I am trying to find out if they came together.I have written to the Land Office to see if I can get a list of names that John Pennington's grup came with--there were 109 of them."

John Damron, Jr. m. Sarah Elizabeth Shultz, b. Apr. 17, 1799, in Adair County, Ky. died about 1861,daughter of John Rudishill Shultz b. 1769 in N.C. who d. 1855, and Susannah McLain b. 1772 in Pennsylvania. His father George Shultz b. 12-3-1730, was the son of Jon Christian Shultz, Moravian minister, b. July 15, 1703, at Riehen in the County of Basel, Switzerland, who was one of the first settlers of the Moravian colony in Winston-Salem, N.C. who died in Bethania, N.C. He arrived in Pa.1732.

Where did John Damron, Jr. marry Sarah Elizabeth Shultz? Their first child was born in Tennessee, and also John Damron, Sr. was in Tennessee in 1811. Mariam Cropper found in a Shultz deed in Adair Co., Ky. 1810 that "John Shultz of Tennessee" sold land. We also have a reference that John Shultz did road work in Giles County, Tenn., which adjoins Maury County. The 1820 census of Maury showed Jehosophat Ladd, Paley McClain, Abel Wilson, John and James Gill, Elijah Richardson, Sam'l Wilson, Joseph Gill, Richardson Gill etc. This Jehosophat Ladd must be the one in Fluvanna to whom John Ladd made a deed in Book 1, 1777-1783. He would be closely related to Anna Ladd. The Milton Ladd of Illinois Ruth Dorius believes to be the son of Amos and Amos sold his Albemarle land and moved to Wilkes Co., N.C. The Wilkes Co., N.C. records show Milton Ladd m. Mary Reynolds 24 Jan. 1811, Elisha Reynolds, wit. Mary Ladd was in the 1840 Illinois Census, age 50-60 years.

The children of John Damron, Jr. and Sarah Elizabeth Shultz were:

1. Susannah b. 1816 in Tennessee, m. Joshua Brock who was b. about 1811 in Missouri, according to Mariam Cropper's records. They were married in Newton Co., Mo.--the first pioneer wedding of the county. The 1840 census of Newton County, Mo. showed Joshua W. Brock, one male under five, one from 10-15, one from 15-20, one from 20-30, one from 60-70, one female from 10-15, one female 40-50. This is on the same list as Moses , John and Constant Damron. I also found him in Ellis County, Texas, Navaroo District, 1850: "Joshua Brock, age 40, farmer, b. Ky., with 1 person over 20 who could not read nor write; Susanna Brock, age 32, b. Tenn. Joseph F. Brock, age 13, b. Missouri, Spencer P. Brock, age 11, b. Mo., John R. Brock, age 8, b. Mo., Elisha Brock, age 2, b. Texas." They lived on Grove Creek near Bristol. (See Ellis County Early Settlers.)

2. John Shultz Damron b. Sept. 14, 1818, in Tennessee, m. June 6, 1847, Sally Daugherty in Texas, who d. 1911 in Los Angeles, Calif. He d. Feb. 1905, at Santa Ana, Calif. They were among the pioneers of southern California, chiefly engaging in the cattle business in the Imperial Valley and in orange groves. They arrived in California Dec. 17, 1865, and settled near Redlands. They had ten children: Nathaniel Case or Cass, Laura Louisa who m. John Colman Bedford 1870; John Randolph, m. Emily Wilshire, whose son, George Damron, is president of the Damron Family Organization, 4428 Cahuenga Boulevard, N. Hollywood, Calif.; Nancy E. m. Henry S. Pankey, Jbseph W. m. Mollie Walker; Amanda S., m. John T. Smith; Andrew Jackson; m. Sally Smith; Milton W., m. Mary E. Dyche; William Nathaniel d. 1870; Charles L., m. Reumah Measor.

3. Annie Ladd b. Mar. 21, 1821, m. Benjamin LaRue and Elza Stockton. She was a pioneer in southern California when her brother John arrived.

4. Milton Wesley Damron, b. May 10, 1824, in Weakley County, Tenn. With his parents he was one of the Mercer Colony on the Trinity River in Texas 1844. I found him in the 1870 Texas census, Bell County: "Damron, M.W. age 46, farmer, $5,000 valuation, b. Tenn., Sarah, age 38, b. Mo., Eliza 14 b. Tex., Martha 10, b. Texas." In 1846 he m. Sarah Pennington in Travis County, Texas, and they had only three children, all girls: Sarah b. 1850, Bell County, Texas, died young; Louisa Cathrine b. Aug. 16, 1856, Bell County, m. J.H. Aiken, Martha Salado b. Nov. 30, 1860, on the Damron farm in Salado, Texas, m. John Richardson in 1878, July 4; his daughter, Annabel Richardson Walker, 718 K. Street, Hoquiam, Washington, helped with the genealogical research, and established the Revolutionary record of John Damron, Sr.

5. Laura Louisa Damron b. 1828 in Weakley County, Tenn. m. Zachariah Moore.

6. George Washington Damron b. 1830 in Weakley County, Tenn. died of a heart attack while working in a cornfield in Kanosh. He m. Susanna Stewart and is listed with his wife in the 1870 census.

7. William Wallace Damron, seventh child of John Damron, Jr. and Sarah Elizabeth Shultz, was b. March 23, 1833, in Weakley County, Tenn. d. Oct. 2, 1898, in Thatcher, Arizona, being one of the early pioneers in this region. He was Probate Judge and County Treasurer "an old-time Jeffersonian Democrat and his counsel is sought in all party matters," according to the Graham County Bulletin 1896. His first wife, Martha Jane Allphin whom he married May 9, 1861, died without children. He m. Second Hester Elizabeth Ray b. 25 March, 1844, in Carroll County, Miss. d. 24 Sept. 1924, Thatcher, Arizona, and they had eleven children: Mary Matilda m. Martin Martensen; John Milton m. Mary Ann Luella Cluff; William Wallace m. Mary Elizabeth Garner; Olla Louisa m. Oscar Francis Webster; Joseph Vernon m. Armelda Ferguson; Eugene m. Harriet Moody; Elzy m. Emma Zimmerman (Naylor); Ellen m. Harry Clifford White; Hester Elizabeth m. James Edmond Young; Ray d. 1886; George A., m. Flossie Letta Jones and second Christa Lillis Wilkins, who has helped with the genealogical research, as well as Elizabeth Damron Young.

8. Sarah Matilda Damron b. Jan. 8, 1835, Barry County, Mo., died Aug. 16,1877. On Dec. 20, 1857, she married John Monroe Moody and they had four children, but two died young, Helen Matilda b. Jan. 25, 1862, d. Nov. 23, 1864, in Pine Valley, and Monroe Damron Moody b. Nov. 26, 1864, d. Aug. 1, 1866. Joseph Milton Moody b. July 15, 1870, was still deer hunting age 83 in 1953. He was the most famous hunter of his day and Forest Ranger. He is of the old Kit Carson-Daniel Boone tradition, and his bravery and skill with the rifle show his descent from a soldier with Morgan's Riflemen, Capt. John Damron, who were the picked sharpshooters of the Revolution. Capt. John Damron was his grandfather, and his paternal grandfather was Thomas Moody, also a Revolutionary soldier who joined as a fifer age17 in Lunenburg County, Virginia. As a boy he lived with his sister and her husband, Solon Foster, Jr. and managed the latter's stock ranch in Arizona which was forty miles by sixty miles and ran to the rim of Grand Canyon. Sarah Margaret Moody was b. April 8, 1859, and d. Jan. 14, 1938, in Inglewood, Calif., while living with her daughter, Ruth Foster Engilman. Sarah Margaret m. 1st Solon Foster, Jr. b. July 2, 1852, d. Aug. 4, 1894, age 42, and they had seven children. He was also of an old colonial family, descendant of Christopher Foster who came over with the Puritan migration in 1635, on the "Abigail", and was one of the first English settlers in what is now New York State but was then under Connectiout, Southampton, L.I. Among others of his ancestors were three of the seven men who made the first settlement in Connecticut, at Wethersfield, Jonas Wood, John Strickland and Thurston Raynor, 1635, before Thomas Hooker arrived with his company. Sarah Margaret Moody m. second on Dec. 31, 1896, Dr. Frederic Clift b. Aug. 1, 1847, Cornwall, England, by whom hhe had two children, Clive Hollocombe and Vyvyan Botreaux Clift. She m. third, William Reed Horizon Paxman b. 1856, d. Jan. 8, 1925, no children.

9. Cynthia Elizabeth Damron b. Aug. 9, 1837, at Barry County, Mo., died Dec. 7, 1872, in Eagle Valley, Nevada, age 35, a town founded by her husband, William Cresfield Moody, brother of John Monroe Moody, whom she married the same time as her sister m. John Monroe Moody. The Moody brothers were the sons of John Wyatt Moody, first Auditor of the Republic of Texas where he d. 1839. Cynthia Elizabeth Damron and William Cresfield Moody had five children: (1) George b. 7 Feb. 1860, d. 21 Feb. 1950; Victoria Regenia b. 12 July 1863, d. & Dec. 1950 m. Jacob Celly Hawley; Thomas Alfonzo b. 16 Jan. 1866, d. 9 Nov. 1945; Milton b. 24 Oct. 1868, d. 23 Jan. 1934; William Alfred b. 28 June, 1870, in Dry Valley, Lincoln County, Nevada, who helped with compiling the genealogy of the Damron and Moody families.

10. Joseph Warren Damron, youngest child, b. Jan. 6, 1841, at Barry County, Mo. d. 12 Aug. 1922. He m. Margaret Phoebe Freeman b. 27 Sept. 1840, at Concord, Johnson County, Ill. d. 30 Oct. 1930, d. of John and Nancy Beal Smoot Freeman. They had ten children: George Alfred; Joseph Warren, Jr.; Milton Wesley; Jemima Chelnecha m. Jacob J. Barron; Charles Shultz; Sarah Elizabeth; William Reed; Arthur Jeddiah; Luella Beal m. C.W. Warnick; and Lizzie m. Edward Oscar Whicker.

The Ladd family holds reunions in Richmond, Virginia, and the President of the organization is Thomas Mifflin Ladd, 5616 Crenshaw Road, Richmond 27, Va. Mrs. W. H. Ferguson, Jr., 7342 Hermitage Road, Richmond 28, Va. is an officer. This organization includes all the descendants of John Ladd of Lower Norfolk County, Va. On Aug. 6, 1953, Thomas Mifflin Ladd III sent me a photograph of his ancestor Thomas Mifflin Ladd taken age 21 in 1821, he being born May 5, 1800. He said: "The amount that I have got together, the publisher says would be a little less than a hundred pages. That's where I stopped as I didn't, or couldn't afford to have it done. But I'm going to continue to collect data for my own amusement and for the benefit of my family who may some day have it published. A great deal of my data is collected from old ledgers, account books that have been collecting dust in an old secretary since before the Revolution, and letters nearly as old. From them, I have been able to do biographical sketches of those long deceased. We had an old Bible at the old Ladd home that the records of births, marriages and deaths for about 200 years were in. Warren Ladd, who compiled the 'Ladd Family' in 1890 got a great deal of his information on the Virginia Ladds from the old Bible and my grandmother who could tell me my ancestors almost all the way to John the immigrant who settled here in 1653. The old Bible has since been burned and a store of papers destroyed for lack of sentiment and knowledge of their value.

"I have an abstract copy of the will of Lancaster Lovett, father of Bathsheba Lovett (wife of John Ladd, the immigrant) whose mother was Ann Lovett. The will of Lancaster Lovett date Oct. 17, 1672, can be seen in the original deed book, "E" page 143, in the Norfolk County C. H. in Portsmouth, Va. Ruth Dorius acquainted me first with the Damron family. I had the pleasure of meeting her at the Ladd reunion. I think she is a wonderful person, and just as pretty. We liked her husband, too, and I called on each of them for a talk at the reunion. They were liked by all of us. We did have a grand time at the reunion. There were about 160 or more present. The invocation was by our former Rector, L. Carter Harrison, one of the oldest families in Virginia, who had been our spiritual guidance for about 30 years. At the meeting, a third cousin whom I'd never seen brought me an old Quaker book printed in 1700's. It was mostly testimonials of the Friends of the Society. In it was one by William Ladd of Virginia. The testimonial in this old Quaker book sort of puts a kink in what I have of William Ladd, born at about the place where John was granted a tract of land in Henrico Co., Va. July 24, 1667, his father and mother were John and Mary Ladd, both born in "Old England." It is possible that Mary died, John went to Lower Norfolk County, Lynnhaven Parish, where he met and married Bathsheba Lovett. If so, we are not descended from the Lovett family. On the other hand, this testimonial was "sent in to the publisher of this book by friends from Virginia." It is possibly a mistake by the friends who sent it--but it starts something.

"On my mother's side, I have a mixture of Kings, Hills, Winstons and Fontaines. I'm a direct descendant of Peter Fontaine who was rector, first at the Jamestown Church, then for more than 40 years at Westover Church, near Westover, Charles City County. Then too, I have no picture of myself here at all as our effects are in Norfolk, we are only here for the summer. I took this picture of 'gramp' from a painting."

The admiration seems to be mutual as Ruth Dorius wrote: "Thomas Ladd sent me a newspaper clipping with his pix. I sent it to Nell. He is a tall, dark, handsome thing." She also wrote: "I think Noble Ladd in N.C. was married twice. I think he and the one in Albemarle 1750 are the same. Moses was Lazarus oldest son. At time of his will Judith was not married. There could be almost 20 years difference in the ages of Moses and Judith, also of Noble and Judith."

Fluvanna County, Va. Court Orders, 1777-79, searched by Mrs. Cropper:

In April, 1778, a deed poll from John Ladd to John Hunt was acknowledged and ordered recorded. Pt. 1, p. 22. (Pt. 2 had nothing at all.)

On the motion of Jehosophat Ladd, a witness for Adam Blair against John Perry (no value). P. 221.

Jehosephat Ladd vs. Elizabeth Currier and James Currier, owned land here 1791. P. 686.

Fluvanna Marriages:

Dunmore Damron and Patsy Cox 27 July 1797, by George Anderson, min. Baptist Ch.
John Ladd and Ann W. Moore, 13 Oct. 1790.
James Ladd and Nancy Kerby 20 Dec. 1803.
Amos Ladd and Eveline Carroll 23 Dec.1830.

Henrico County, Va. Book 2, p. 77, 20 Apr. 1782, Elizabeth Beuford or Binford names Priscilla Ladd as a granddaughter.

Tennessee, Franklin Co. Deeds, 1808-1818: John Leon to Solomon Stone 14 Oct. 1808, witnesses: Leroy May, Jesse Martin, Thomas Hopkins, John Miller, AMOS LADD, Solomon Stone, Jr. Absalom Russell,cfc.

Tennessee, Franklin Co. Noble Ladd's will 6 Mar. 1855: All my 1st wife's children ($10) and balance of property to wife and her 2 youngest children--Amos and Virginia Adaline. Noble (X) Ladd. Thomas Brown Sandville, E. Montgomery X, Dennis Muse, Adm.

Bourbon County,Ky. Ruth Dorius found Thomas Dameron, James Ladd, Jacob Ladd, Census, 1810.

Lancaster County, Va. Marriage Bonds. No Ladds found by Mrs. Cropper. In the District of Columbia, Am. Pub. M. V. 7, p. 51, she found marriage of William Ladd to Elizabeth Sanford 14 June 1801.

Fluvanna County, Va. General Index to Deeds,

Michael Damron of Fluvanna to Larking Branson, D.B. 22, p. 95.
Robert B. Damron from Turner, 1860.
John Ladd, Book 1, p. 77, to Hunt, 1777-83.
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" " " 2, 467 to Jehosophat Ladd.
Jehosophat Ladd to John Petters, Jr. Book 4, p. 258, 1801-1807.
John Ladd and others to Ann Ladd, Book 11, p. 267, 1835-38.

Goochland County, Va. Ruth Dorius wrote of Moses Ladd, Cobham, Va.: "They want us to come for Thanksgiving. His church has a colorful hunt at ten o'clock. His father was John Mathew Ladd and his grand-father, he believes, was a John Ladd, probably the one in Fluvanna Co. that married a Moore. Said his father lived in goochland Co. and was buried in Fluvanna Co. Moses' first wife was a Morris. His second was a Lacey. We feel very drawn to each other, and I just know he is of our family. Everybody loves him. He is a cute character."

THE LADDS IN ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Alice Mary Aiken searched the Court Order Books of Albemarle County, Va. and found the following, Book 1, 1744-1748:

Nov. 29, 1745, p. 84: "NOBLE LADD ex. Am. Ladd. "The last Will and Testament of Amos Ladd, Decd. having been before proved by two of the witnesses, was further proved by the Oath of George Dameron another of the witness thereto and Ordered to be Recorded. Noble Ladd, the Executor therein named having taken the Oath according to law, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form. Ordered that Thomas Ballou Gent. William Diuguid, Thomas Patterson and Lazarus Dameron or any three of them being first Sworn do appraise in Currant money the slaves and personal Estate of the said Amos Ladd Decd. in this County: and that they returne the Appraisment to next Court." (Note: according to Mrs. Grayson there must be an announcement, also hearing.)

April 25, 1745, p. 12: "PRISON BOUND. Ordered that Benjamin Woodson and John Henderson do mark Out and Lay off Bounds to the Prison the Sheriff hath built not to exceed ten acres."

Nov. 13, 1746. "Ladds Negro Adjd. Jacob and Chloe two Negros belonging to Noble Ladd were this day adjudged to wit--Jacob to Fourteen years old and Chloe to eleven."

6th July, 1747. "John Ladd makes Oath to four days attendance as an Evidence for John Ripley against Hugh Moor. Ordered the said Ripley to pay the said Ladd One Hundred pounds of Tobacco for his said attendance."

July 15, 1748. JUDG. CONFD. & SUIT PLACED ON COUNTY COURT DOCKET. An Appeal of Noble Ladd against Hannah Battles the Judgment of this Court being Confirmed by the General Court the Suit is returned and Ordered to be replaced on this Docket."

Page 86: "JOHN PLEASANTS AGAINST JOHN LADD: IN CASE. By consent of Parties and with the Assent of the Court this Suit is ordered to be Dismist."

Mar. 12, 1746-7, p. 241: "HANAH BATTLES AGAINST NOBLE LADD. The Parties appear by their Attorneys and the Defendant by James Meredith his attorney prays and hath Leave to Imparte till next Court and then to Plead and the same Day is given the Parties aforesaid here etc."

March 14, 1746-7, p. 259: "MATHEW BRANCH Asignee of Charles Thomas against JOHN HUDNETT, IN DEBT. The Defendant was this day called and failing to appear on the motion of the Plaintiff by his Attorney it is considered that Judgment be Entered for the aforesaid Mathew Branch against the said John Hudnutt Acording to Specialty for Nine Pounds Together with fifteen shillings (or One Hundred and Fifty pounds of Tobacco) for a Lawyers fee and One Hundred and thirteen pounds of neet Tobacco for his costs by him in this Behalf Expended; And the said John Hudnett in Mercy etc. But note this Judgment except as to the costs is to be Discharged by the payment of Four Pounds Ten Shillings with Lawfull interest thereon at the rate of five Per Cent. per annum to be Computed from the Eleventh Day of August One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-six till paid.

"Ordered the Sheriff sell the Goods attached in Order to discharge the said Debt and Costs & report the same to next court. Goods attached sold for four pence."

"July 9, 1747, p. 293: "A petition of William Duiguid and others for a Road to be opened from the New Road from State River near Mr. Marrs to the Court House is Granted the male Tithables of William Duiguid Noble Ladd and John Ladd are Ordered to Clear the same Noble Ladd Overseer. Noble Ladd and Gideon Marrs are Ordered to march out the same."

THE LADDS IN ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

July 10, 1747. "JOHN BIBY against WILLIAM BARNETT: TRESPAS. And now come the Parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid and there upon comeallso a jury to wit Hugh Moor Arthur McDaniel John Trent John Herston Henry Trent John Douglas John Ladd Noble Ladd Lazarus Dameron George Taylor Edward Lambert Parsons & Mitchel Vaughn who being Elected Tryed & Sworn the truth to Speak upon the Issue Joined upon their Oaths do say that theaforesaid William Barnett is not Guilty of the Trespas aforesaid in Manner and form as the aforesaid William Barnett by his Pleading hath within alledged. LAZARUS DAMERON, FOREMAN. (Signed)."

July 10, 1747, p. 390: "HANNAH BATTLES AGAINST NOBLE LADD. IRVI ET ARMIS."

July 11, 1747. JAMES COCKE AGAINST WILLIAM CREASY: In Case. John Ladd is on this jury.

Nov. 14, 1747, JOSEPH HICKINGBOTTOM AGAINST RICHARD FLETCHER GREGORY: IN CASE. Jurymen John Trent Charles Bond Thomas Tindall Drury Tucker Mathew Tucker Michael Vaught John Brant Noble Ladd Benjamin Tindall Edward Lambert Parsons Abraham Allen & John Smith.

May 13, 1748. "On the Motion of Thomas Ballow his Improvements on Three Hundred Acres of Land on State River are Ordered to be Valued and that David Patterson Samuel Jordon Gideon Marr & Noble Ladd or any three of these being first sworn do appraise the same and make report to next court."

August 13, 1748. Discontinued. "The petition of John Ladd against William Battersby is on the Plantifs Motion Ordered to be Discontinued."

Aug. 13, 1748, p. 405: "Release from Battles to Ladd to be Recorded. Hannah Battles acknowledges a General Release to Noble Ladd which at the Request of Parkins is Ordered to be Recorded. To all People to whom this present Writing shall come know ye that I HANNAH BATTLES of Albemarle County Do by these Presents freely and Voluntarily and of my own pleasure and Inclination acquit Exonerate & Discharge Noble Ladd of this said County of all Suit, Quarrels, Controversies Debts Dues Demands and Claims Whatsoever and for my Self my Heirs Executors and Administrators do fully freely and absolutely Release unto the said Noble Ladd all actions Cause and Courses of Actions judgments Executions and Demands Whatsoever which I ever had or may now have against the said Noble Ladd on any Account Whatsoever in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this xjij th day of August MDCCXLVJI. HANNAH X BATTLES (HER MARK) (SEAL). Signed Sealed and Delivered in Presence of JOHN PETER JOHN CHILDRES."

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Marriage Licenses, After 1806. Larken Kirby and George Ladd 4th Mar. 1805; other Ladds: Charles E, License No. 6; Charles, 12; Edward W. 152; Ella N. 20; Elnora 161; Elzier 98; Flora, 26; F. R. 2; Maurice Robert 52; Viola Agnes 10; Sadie Elizabeth 50; Sallie Frances 170; Siah C. 38.

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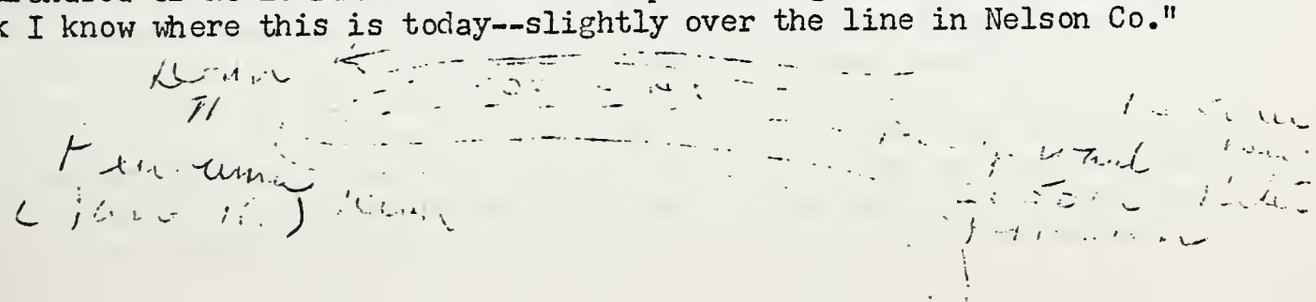
The Old Surveyors' Book, 1744-1755, Albemarle Co., Va. shows the plot of land which President Jefferson's father bought of Noble Ladd, 1754: "This is an Inclusive Plot of 2050 acres of Land lying onthe South side of the Fluvanna River opposite to Totier Creek in Albemarle County, 400 acres of which purchased of John Ladd, 100 acres purchased of Noble Ladd and the other part being new land." Alimae Aiken wrote: "I think I know where this is today--slightly over the line in Nelson Co."



Deed Book 1, p. 231, Albemarle Co., Va. 1750, LADD TO JEFFERSON. "One thousand seven hundred & fifty Between Noble Ladd of the Parish of St. Ann Albemarle County and PETER JEFFERSON of the Parish of St. James' Northam in the County of Goochland. . . . Beginning at John Ledds Lower course to a black oak on the river Bank thence through the lower grounds along s'd John Ledd's line to John Bolling's line . . . Containing by Estimate one hundred acres be the same more or less South side of James River.

NOBLE LADD

Witness: JOHN STAPLES, THOMAS TURPIN, JOHN SCOTT,
JOHN (L) LEAD HIS MARK, WILLIAM ROACH

Teste

NOBLE LADD"

Book 1, p. 252, Albemarle Co., Va. 1750, MC DANIEL TO LADD. "On the twelfth day of February in the year One Thousand seven hundred and fifty Between THOMAS MC DANIEL carpenter of the Parish of St. Anne Albemarle Co. and JOHN LADD planter of the same Parish . . . south side of Fluvanna River one hundred and fifty six acres . . .

THOS. T. MC DANIEL.

SAM JORDAN, JOHN NICHOLAS, THOMAS PLEASANTS."

Deed Book 1, p. 316, Albemarle County, Va. LADD TO LADD. "Fourteenth day of May One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty One. Between NOBLE LADD of Parish of St. Ann County of Albemarle & AMOS LADD for his consideration of natural love and affection which he hath & beareth unto said Amos Leidd and for better Maintainance and Livelyhood does bequeath a parcel of land Lying on North side the Fluvanna River containing three hundred acres Beginning at the mouth of the New Bremer Creek thence up the Creek to the Corner thence up the Back line to the head of the branch that the Indian shot John Lawson at, thence Down the Branch to the River . . .

(Signed)m NOBLE LADD

JOHN PETER, AMOS (A) LADD, HIS MARK, JOHN (X) MOOR"

Deed Book 8, p. 47, Albemarle Co., Va. LADD TO HENLEY. "One Thousand seven hundred and seventy five, County of Albemarle, AMOS LADD & MARY his wife ...lying in the County of Albemarle containing three hundred acres be the same more or less . . . Whereas NOBLE LADD, father of AMOS LADD, did by Deed of Conveyance dated One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty One, make over the Said Land to the Said Amos Ladd Lying on the North Side the Fluvanna River near the Seven Islands and is bounded as followeth viz. Beginning at the mouth of New Bremo Creek, thence up the River according to its meanders, To a Branch that the Indian shott John Lawson and thence up the branches to the fork. . .

AMOS LADD
MARY (X) LADD, HER MARK

"In presence of
HEZEKIAH HENLEY, JOSEPH PERKINS, WILLIAM HENLEY."

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"Was the Ladd farm which Peter Jefferson bought one of the President's plantations Where was Shadwell? I have looked through four books on Jefferson. They each state thatPresident Jefferson owned about 5,000 acres in Albemarle and there is a reference to a farm in Bedford Co. All the other references are to Monticello (small mountain) and Shadwell. Peter Jefferson, the president's father, bought about 1,000 acres on the Rivanna River but wishing a better site for a home he bought of William Randolph the Shadwell tract of 400 acres where his distinguished son was born. This Shadwell tract must have joined the first purchase mentioned. Included in this tract was the small mountain or Monticello. Thomas completed his home at Monticello on the top of this mountain about 1772. Shadwell is about five miles from Charlottesville. It is close to both Monticello and Ash Lawn the home of President Monroe. President Jefferson owned twice the amount of land that he inherited from his father. No mention is made of other tracts owned nor of that which he inherited. Peter Jefferson had seven children who inherited his property." A.A.

NEWSPAPER ITEMS ON THE LADD FAMILY

The Daily Progress, p. 14, has a picture of "Moses Schuyler Ladd, who celebrated his 83d birthday Nov. 11, has served Grace Episcopal Church, Cismont, as sexton for a little more than 59 years. He took the job in 1895." Boyce Loving writes: "Not only has he been sexton for 60 years; he has been a member of the vestry for the past 30 years, and a member of the church since 'before 1885.' Moses Ladd is an amazing man, not only because of the length of his service to the church. Now in his 84th year, he uses glasses only for reading, his hearing is little impaired, and he is alert mentally. Also, he walks with the spryness of a man 30 years his junior. His memory is astounding. With no hesitancy he can reel off dates of happenings at the church. Ladd was asked by the late John Armstrong Chaloner to witness the signature to the latter's will because Chaloner said he wanted a 'close-mouthed' man to do the witnessing. Chaloner took Ladd to New York for the occasion...Born near Campbell, Ladd has lived in the Cobham,Cismet neighborhood all his life, although he said he always went to Louisa to pick out his wives. His first wife died in 1942 and he married the present Mrs. Ladd in 1943--both were from Louisa. He and the first Mrs. Ladd had ten children, five still are living...The Ladds, including Moses, have been in this area for quite a spell. According to Moses, Peter Jefferson, father of Thomas, purchased land from an ancestor of his, one Noble Ladd. Noble Ladd had inherited the land from a predecessor who received it as a grant from Governor Berkley, probably about 1640-1650...An indication of the youthfulness of our subject is the fact that he still sets wooden box traps for rabbits. This year he hasn't had much luck, having caught only five of the wild cottontails thus far. He says it has been his experience that one doesn't catch many rabbits during the Christmas season. At the time..he was unhitching a pair of horses from a wagon."

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"Gramp's' Old Geography Recalls Growing Nation," by Thomas Mifflin Ladd, in the local paper, shows a photograph of a page of the book with the date 1809, and one of its owner,which he studied when 9 years old. "Gramp" was an earlier Thomas Mifflin Ladd, born in Richmond, May 5, 1800. He was the son of Thomas Ladd and Ann Bell, daughter of Nathan Bell, owner of Bell Tavern. In the early 1800s, the elder Ladd was master commissioner of Richmond. Being of a Quaker family, young Thomas received his early education in Quaker schools. He became a civil engineer, and for about 20 years before his death in 1867, was city engineer or city surveyor, the title of those days, for Richmond. He married Lucy E. Cowardin, a sister of James Andrew Cowardin, founder of the Richmond Dispatch.

"The United States was very small when the volume went to press, scarcely one-fourth the size it is today. In 1800, the population was 5,305,666; the length of the nation 1,250 miles, the breadth, 1,940 miles...Lewis and Clarke had completed their expedition to the West Coast, but not in time to get the story in this old geography...On the first page, in large capital letters, is written 'Geography Made Easy.'"

The article describes part of the book which tells of water shortage in New York City, which sold from wells for 3 pence a hogshead," for cleaning the teeth nothing was better than a twisted off twig of dogwood or birch." Slaves in New York were 2,868. "The population of Brooklyn was 2,387 whites and 1,479 slaves. The houses are generally of brick, and the roofs tiled...The most magnificent edifice in the city is Federal Hall, situated at the head of Broad Street."

MILTON LADD OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

On July 8, 1939, the Adjutant General's Office, of the War Department, ORD: JJW, wrote to Mrs. McCallister Pearce: "I am directed by the Secretary of War to state that the records show that one Milton Ladd served in the Black Hawk War as 1st sergeant in Captain Jenkins' Company, Illinois Volunteer Militia. He was enrolled June 16, 1832, for 90 days, and was honorably discharged and mustered out with the company August 10,1832. The records indicate that he was from Jackson County."

On Nov. 18,1940, she received a Reference Report from the Illinois Historical Library, on Milton Ladd: "No information on Milton Ladd was found in the material on Methodist ministers in this library. The second volume of Rev. James Leaton's History of Methodism in Illinois has never been published. The manuscript is in the possession of the Library of Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois. The following information on the Ladd family may be of interest to you. Milton Ladd was Assistant enrolling and engrossing clerk of the House of Representatives of the first General Assembly of Illinois, which met at Kaskaskia, 5 Oct. 1818. He was a member of the Senate from Johnson County in the second Illinois General Assembly, which met at Vandalia, 4 Dec. 1820. (Illinois Blue Book, 1907, p. 294, 295.) The History of Alexander, Union and Pulaski Counties, Illinois, (Chicago, 1883), p. 314-5, contains a sketch of Judge J. M. Davdidge of Olmsted, Illinois. His first wife was Nancy Ladd, daughter of Milton Ladd. She was born in Johnson County 29 Feb. 1824, married in that county in 1840, and died in Pulaski County 21 Sep. 1877. She had five children, Mary, James, Charles, Cornelia and Nancy. This was all that could be found, in addition to what has been sent you previously."

Another page of notes said: "Milton Ladd was in Johnson County, Illinois early 1819 or before was a preacher, Methodist, also a surveyor. His mother was a daughter of Elisha Reynolds; 1820, surveyed the road from Vienna to Saline; 1821 was post master, Vienna, Ills.; 1831-32 was in Black Hawk War. Elisha Reynolds was his grandfather and was born 1754 in N.C. He was a Rev. soldier, enlisted 1777 in N.C., was pensioned 1832-36, his wife being Judith Edings. In 1806 I find him in Johnson County, Illinois. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. In 1887 he and his wife were living in Goreville Townsip, Johnson County, Ills. Note: Elisha seemed to have been the first Ladd in this county.)"

Another page of notes by Mrs. Pearce said:"MILTON LADD was found first in Johnson Co., Ills. He was not in Saline Co. (report from Co.) In 1810 or about he was one of the first settlers of Johnson Co., Ills. In 1819 was a bondsman for John S. Graves for building of jail at Vienna. In 1819 he was on jury, Johnson Co. In 1820, was a surveyor in Johnson Co., also kept a tavern this date, and was a member of the Senate until about 1824. In 1821 was post master at Vienna. In 1824 was still in Senate. In 1831 was in Black Hawk War. In 1832 was still in this War. In 1887 Elisha Ladd was in Mexican War. This was perhaps a son of Milton Ladd, or bro. Mary Ladd's will prob. 1-5-1845. Was she wife of Milton?"

Another page of pencilled notes said: "A Noble Ladd lived in Surry Co., N.C. 1771. Constant Ladd was here, ref. N.C. Col. & State Rec. V. 25, p. 14. In 1774 a Mrs. Ladd was in Halifax Co., N.C. Joseph Dameron, Camden Co., N.C. drew a pension.

THE SHULTZ GENEALOGY

Ruth Damron Dorius is the researcher who has tracked down the Shultz family and although we do not have the proofs as yet on all of it, I will try to make a genealogy sheet for this family as follows:

I. JON CHRISTIAN SHULTZ, minister, aged 30 years, Swiss-German, left the Palatine in Germany in the ship Loyal Judith of London, from the port of Rotterdam, on Sept. 25, 1732, Master, Robt. Turpin. (See Early German Immigrants to Pennsylvania.) He was born 1703 in Basle, Switzerland, and went to North Carolina in 1769 to the Moravian settlement at what is now Winston-Salem. He died 1788 in Bethania, N.C., a small town between Salem and Germantown (where the Ladds were). (See North Carolina Moravian History by V.T. Reichel, appendix "First Settlers." In the History of North Carolina Cemeteries, Bethania, N.C. are listed Johannes Schultze born 7-5-1703, died 7-11-1788. "Old Father J. Christian Shultz had son Geo. (wife Maria)--Fries' History of N.C. Christian Schutze, wife Ann Dorothy were in Salisbury township, Penn., Dec. 1754. In the cemetery is also listed George Shutz b. 12-3-1730, died 9-9-1789, and on the same day Maria Schulz b. 4-21-1744, d. 9-9-1789. These must be the parents of John Rudisill Shultz, our ancestor.

II. GEORGE SHULTZ b. 12-3-1730, died 9-9-1789, on the same day as his wife Maria, b. 4-21-1744, d. 9-9-1789, in Bethania, N.C. He was probably born in the Palatine two years before his parents left there for Pennsylvania. His wife was named Maria.

III. JOHN RUDISILL OR RUDISHILL SHULTZ born 1769 in North Carolina, the year his father arrived in the Moravian settlement, if he came with the grandfather. (It was originally stated that he was born in Pennsylvania in 1769, which might have been before they left for N.C. I have not seen any proof of where he was born. He died 1855. His wife was Susannah McLain b. 1772 in Pennsylvania. His mother was undoubtedly named Rudishill of the Pennsylvania family of that name. (Note: since writing above noted that Mrs. Dorius found John Rudishill Shultz in the 1850 Census in Henderson County, Texas "John R. Shultz, 81 b. N.C." This census lists: "John Damron, 59, farmer, $640, b. Virginia; wife Sarah 51, b. Ky., Geo. W. 20 b. Tenn. Wm. W. b. Tenn.; Sarah M. 14, b. Mo., Cynthia E. 12, b. Mo.; Joseph Warren 9, b. Mo." From this we see him in the houshhold with the John Damron, Jr. family as an old man of 81, listed as "coop-farmer." In 1779 in York County, Pa. taxables was listed Jacob Rudisill, Corodus Township, together with Lawrence Shultz and Valentine Schultz. In Heideberg Township also was Jacob Rudisill and Henry Shultz; also in York township John Shultz was ex'r for Conrad Holtzbaum. (Frank Mitch 11 Arnold, 3032 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. was looking for data on Jonas Rudisill, Sr. d. 1799 and his wife Maria Elizabeth Moul(d), m. 1754, both of York County, Pa.) Mrs. Cropper found Rudisells in Lincoln County, N.C. but no Damerons nor Ladds--Henry, Philip Wirey, Michael.

In Barry County, Missouri, where John Damron's youngest children were born, we find John Shultz appointed Judge for Tryon township May 19, 1835. John R. Shultz was Justice of the Peace and performed marriages from 1837-38-39 but none afterward.

McLain is a Scottish name. Ruth found Paley McClain in Maury Co., Tenn. 1820, with Jehosophat Ladd, Richardson Gill, Abel Wilson etc. In Weakley County, Tenn. where John Damron, Jr. lived for a time, were in the Deeds, 1827-33, John M. McLain, along with the following Damrons: Charles, George, John, John T., Moses and William. Also there were Schultz: Charles M., David, Jacob. In the 1820 census in Washington D.C. for Adair County, Ky. I found Richard Shultz and John McLain. Ephraim McLain was in Rowan Co., N.C. Sept. 20, 1775.

In naming their children, John Damron, Jr. and Sarah Elizabeth Shultz, apparently named Susannah for the McLains, and probably William Wallace for the famous Scottish hero of "Scottish Chiefs", Sarah Matilda and Laura Louisa seem to be Shultz names. The wife of Bishop Henry A. Shultz who served with him in his ministery was named Rebecca Matilda (Bagge) Shultz b. 1808, near Salem, N.C. d. with still-born child 1849, age 41. They were in Pennsylvania and after 1844 in Bethlehem. Perhaps the Matilda was named for her, as no doubt Henry A. Shultz was a close relative, perhaps a brother of John R. Shultz. He later became High Commissioner in Moravian, which was a high honor. As to the name Cynthia, we are not sure who the Cynthia Damron is who was buried beside John Damron, Sr., in Ill. She might be the wife of one of his sons, and John Jr. may have named a daughter for her if she died young and childless, which was customary.

In the 1820 Census of Adair County, Kentucky, were John Shultz in the 35-45 age group or over (our John would be 51), with 5 males and 2 females. Near him were listed the Damrons: Joseph 2 males, 5 females; John, George, Robert. In 1830 were listed John Damron with 9 males and 2 females, George 30-40, Joseph 30-40 Samuel 30-40 (one female here 60-70 yrs.--b. about 1761?) There were also in Adair County, Ky. 1850 census: Samuel Dameron b. N.C., Wilson, Sanderson, John, George; also John S. b. 1799 in Va., with Judith Winnefred age 89 b. Va.

The records of W.W. Damron show the children of John Rudishill Shultz and Susannah McLain were:

1. John McLain Shultz b. about 1792.
2. David Shultz b. 1794.
3. Charles McLain b. 1796, d. in Missouri, m. Mary _____.
4. Joseph b. 1798, m. Cynthia _____.
5. Sarah Elizabeth b. 18 April, 1799, in Adair County, Ky. m. John Damron.

(We may speculate that the Cynthia who married Joseph Shultz might later have married a Damron in Illinois and been buried there; and that Cynthia Elizabeth was named for her by Elizabeth Shultz Damron. In any case, this Cynthia is a mystery, as also is Belviritta and one or two others in Illinois.) John McLain would appear to be the name of the father of Susannah and may have been the one in 1820 Census of Adair County, Ky.

IV. SARAH ELIZABETH SHULTZ b. 18 April, 1799, in Adair County, Kentucky, m. John Damron, Jr. and had ten children, the first, Susannah being b. 1816 in Tennessee. We have the record of Susannah's marriage with the "first pioneer groom of Newton County, Mo." Joshua Brock. They were married at John Damron's house near Sarcoxie on Center Creek by Sq. Vivion and went to their new furnished cabin afterward, leaving a merry party celebrating the event at John Damron's. After her husband died, Sarah Elizabeth Shultz Damron left Texas with her children in 1857 and crossed the plains to Utah, where she died about 1861 at Charleston and is buried at Heber City, according to Sarah Margaret Moody. Now where did she marry John Damron,Jr.? Did he make a trip to see some cousins in Adair County, Ky. and meet her there? There were McLains and Shultz families in Benton, Franklin County, Ill. In 1853 A.D.L. Shultz gave a note to Crawford there, John McLain m. Malinda Smith 20 Mar. 1829 and was still there in 1843. (See p. 11-b, PART TWO.) James McLain m. Lydia Smith 4 Nov. 1839, p. 100. Miliza McClane m. Eli Smith Oct. 1, 1846 etc. Therefore the McLains and Shultz families may have migrated to Illinois where Elizabeth might have married John Damron, Jr. about 1815. Elvira was b. in Franklin County, Ill. 27 Oct. 1815, so John Sr. was there at this time--but might he not have been in Kentucky a little earlier? He was in Tennessee 1811. However, John R. Shultz was in Kentucky in 1820.

John R. Shultz was living in Adair County, Ky. in 1779, when Sarah Elizabeth was born there April 18, who married John Damron, Jr. Ruth P. Burdette, a genealogist of Adair County, Ky., in Columbia searched for the Damron and Shultz families in this region but found only the following. She noted: The Richard you foundin the census was Stults not Shultz. I am sending all I have on the McClains. The Bible record I am sending is of some of the name who came from N.C. with the Coffey family. I do not know if they were related to this Charles McClain or not. I was so sorry not to find more about the Shultzes. It was strange to me the people they married came from two separate parts of the county. The Baises and Robinsons lived in the lower part of the county and the Philipses lived in the upper corner, near the Damrons. I have no idea why I couldn't find more deeds of theirs. So often early deeds were not recorded. When I try to find when a family left here, often there is no deed recorded where they sold land. Don't see how the titles ever kept straight. I do want to write a history of Adair Co. None has ever been published. I am sure the State Historical Society would publish it. I have a tremendous file on the people of this section." Mrs. Burdette said also: "I did the Adair Co. research for the book Sam Clemens of Hannibal. I was too new in the business to ask for enough credit. It was very entertaining. Of course, just a little was used in the book. Mrs. Bolin and I found the old marriage bonds in the court house that had not been touched for 50 years. In them was the bond of Samuel Clemens parents. The marriage was not on record anywhere at the time. That is the only record. Thank you very much for the Dameron book... I had no idea it would be so huge. It is a wonderful book and I appreciate the work that went into the compiling of it."

Mrs. Burdette found only two Shultz deeds in Adair Co., Ky:

"1822, E- 675, Jacob Shults from Sperry 8 A. Butler's Fork. (Butler's Fork is in the lower part of the county, Green River in the northern part.)

"1810, B-431, John Shults to John Hammonds 100 A. Green River.

"Shultz records in Adair County, Ky. Order Books:

"David Shultz land warrant, 1802, A 14-106.
" " appointed Constable 1803 A 96-215.
John Shultz appointed Surveyor (overseer) of road 1805, A-184.

"Marriage Bonds, Adair Co., Ky.

John Shults, son of David, and Elizabeth Robinson, dau. of John and Sarah Robinson, Mch. 11, 1806.
Jacob Shults and Nancy Philips, dau. James Philips, Oct. 31, 1809.
Walter McDaniel and Jenny Shults, dau. Wm., July 20, 1802, attest. David and John Shults.
Abednego Baise, son of Hanah Walker, late Baise, and Mary Shults, dau. of David Shults, Jan. 20, 1806."

Ohio County, Ky. Marriages, found by Ruth Damron Dorius, for the name Shultz:

Charles and Lee, Ann, 5-25-1820--Boize, John
Diana and Neal, Lytle, 8-20-1817--Shultz, John
Jacob and Gibson, Polly, 8-22-1800--Gibson, Wm.
John and Towels, Comfort, 10-23-1821,--Malin, Isaac
John and Elms, Jane, 6-10-1829--Shultz, Charles
John and Cos, Ann, 9-18-1831, Cox, Wm.
Joseph and Howard, Nancy, 8-31-1822--Malin, Isaac
Mary and Malin, Isaac, 9-12-1812--Artherton, Charles

Babet and Boys, John, 10-7-1801 ____
Nancy and Boze, John, 10-7-1807--Shultz, Mathew
Nathan and Shepherd, Polly, 9-9-1830, Shephard, John
Nicholas, and Davis, Cynthia Ann, 10-6-1832--Davis Gideon (security for marriage).

THE McLAIN (McCLAIN, McLANE) FAMILY

Susannah McLain born 1772, married John Rudisill or Rudishill Shultz b. 1769 in North Carolina. She was b. in Pennsylvania, and according to the W.W. Damron records, their children were: John McLain Shultz b. about 1792; David Shultz b. 1794; Charles McLain b. 1796, d. in Missouri, m. Mary _____; Joseph b. 1798, m. Cynthia _____; Sarah Elizabeth b. 18 April, 1799, in Adair County, Ky. m. John Damron, Jr. b. 1791 in Virginia.

I may note here than Allen McLane or McClain was the commander of "McLane's Raiders" in the Revolution in Pennsylvania, and through his men kept the Valley Forge army alive during the hard winter. "That dashing young captain Allen McLane took his wife's household and table linen and had it cut up to make breeches for his cavalrymen. Picturesque they were, riding through temperature of ten above zero. McLane's raiders . . . (attacked) the wagons that carried farm supplies to the British at Philadelphia . . . The farmers in the neighborhood of Philadelphia, most of whom were Quakers, brought Howe a large part of his meat and provisions. They might have done the same for Washington if he had been able to pay them in anything but those worthless Continentals." (A Short History of the Revolution, J. H. Preston.

Ruth Burdette, genealogist of Columbia, Ky. in Adair Co. sent the following copied from the McClain family Bible owned by Miss Arline Young, Columbia, Ky.:

"John McClain Sr. b. Feb.26, 1776. m. Apr. 17, 1800, to Mary (Polly) Coffey, May 5, 1779. Their children:
Joseph McClain, Aug. 2, 1801
Isaac McClain, May 16, 1803.
Robert McClain, Oct. 26, 1805.
John McClain, Jr. Oct. 22, 1807
Margaret Ann McClain, Dec. 20, 1809.
Mary McClain, Mar. 20, 1811
Felicia McClain, Mar. 20, 1812.
Daniel Clark McClain, Feb. 15, 1813
Sarah McClain, June 23, 1815.
James McClain, Nov. 18, 1818
Chesley McClain, Feb. 18, 1821.
Edwin W. McClain, Jan. 4, 1824."

From the Coffey Family Bible:

"James Coffey, July 24, 1729, m. Elizabeth Cleveland, Feb. 1727. Their son, John Coffey Feb. 13, 1751, m. Molly, Dec. 18, 1755.
Levi Coffey, Dec. 19, 1774
Lewis Coffey, Jan. 12, 1777
Sally Coffey, May 1, 1779
Elizabeth Coffey, Jan. 10, 1782
William Coffey, May 17, 1784
James Coffey, Oct. 23, 1786.
Shelby Coffey, Oct. 19, 1789
Nancy Coffey, July 14, 1791.
Eleanor Coffey, Jan. 8, 1794.
Polly Coffey, _____, 1799."

The 1830 census for Lincoln Co., Tenn. had Wm. McLain 40-50 age group.

In Benton, Franklin Co., Ill. John McLain m. Malinda Smith 20 Mar. 1829, and was still there in 1843, p. 78. James McLain m. Lydia Smith 4 Nov. 1839, p. 100. Miliza McClane m. Eli Smith, Oct. 1, 1846.. Damrons and Shultz were also here.

C. N. Damron of San Bernardino , Calif., grandson of Charles Damron, wrote: "I remember the Shultz name. They were related to us in Weakly Co., Tenn. They lived North and alittle way across the north fork of the Obine River... The McDaniels and McLeans lived on the north side of the said river from us. They were kin-folks too. My grandmother (my Father's side... My Uncle Sam. Damron lived and died in Weakly Co., Tenn." In Green Co., Ky. Wilson Damron, son of George and Susanah Thomas, m. Sarah McClain, dau. of Charles MacClain, Mar. 14, 1800. Wilson's son Charles moved to Tenn. and Illinois. Jno. McClain age 19 b. Tenn. was in the 1850 census of Collin Co., Texas, with Moses Damron b. Va. 1799, [illegible] of Capt. John.

THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN HENRY SHULTZ

The following was copied from the Bible owned at one time by Edwin T. Shultz, born November 25, 1824, by Julia Catharine Shultz, daughter of Julia A. L. Locke and Edwin T. Shultz:

BIRTHS: Johanes Shultz, born July 15, 1703, at Riehen in the County of Basel, Switzerland.

George Shultz, born December 3, 1730, in Riehen, Switzerland.

John Henry Shultz, born August 12, 1775, near Bethania.

John Jacob Shultz, born December 4, 1803. (My grandfather.)
Anna Margaret Krause, born May 19, 1804. (My grandmother.)

Edwin T. Shultz, born November 25, 1824.
Catharine Amandivella Conrad, born January 20, 1836. (My father's first wife.)

Luesy Eli Shultz, born July 22, 1827.
Sibilla M. Shultz, born May 7, 1829.
Julia A. Shultz, born November 4, 1833.
ElenS. Shultz, born August 11, 1855. (My aunts and uncles.)
Rufus Sala. Shultz, born January 26, 1854.
Mary Selesta Shultz, born November 20, 1858.

Julia A. L. Locke, born June 30, 1841. (My father's 2nd wife, my mother.)

Sarrah Ann Elizabeth Shultz, born January 27, 1867.
Luesy Isebella Shultz, born October 27, 1867.
Margaret Rose Lee Shultz, born June 25, 1869.
Lucindia Eliza Cordelia Shultz, born May 3, 187_.
Julia Catharine Shultz, born May 25, 1873. (My sisters and brothers.)
John Jacob Shultz.
TheodoreShultz.
Carrie Emma Blanche Shultz.

MARRIAGES: Johannes Shultz married to Eve Soldner, January 1730.

George Shultz married to Maria Huber, March, 1761.

John Henry (Shultz) married September 3, 1799, to Elizabeth Krieger.

John Jacob Shultz married February 15, 1824 to Anna Margaret Krause.

Edwin T. Shultz married February 10, 1853, to Catharine Emandavella Conrad, second marriage March 7, 1865, to Julia L. McLain.

DEATHS: Johanas Shultz, died July 11, 1788.
George Shultz, died September 7, 1789.
John H. Shultz, died November 18, 1847.
John Jacob Shultz, died October 4, 1833.
Sibilla M. Shultz, died September 22, 1846.
Rufus Salathiel Shultz, died September 14, 1854.
Anna M. Shultz, died December 11, 1855.
Catharine A. Shultz, died November 18, 1859.

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THE MORAVIAN SCHULTZ FAMILY OF NORTH CAROLINA

I. JOHANNES SCHULZ (old spelling SCHULTHEISS), founder of this family, was born July 15, 1703, in Riehen, a village of the canton Basel, Switzerland, and died near Bethania, N.C. July 11, 1788, according to his tombstone in the Bethania cemetery No. 54. On Jan. 16, 1730, he married Eva Soldner, who came from Riehen, canton Basel. She was born Dec. 8, 1705, and died May 7, 1779, Grave 27 in the Bethania cemetery. In 1749 he migrated to Pennsylvania and in May arrived in Wachovia in North Carolina to join the Moravian settlement near Winston-Salem. Book 1, printed Moravian Archives, p. 391, says: "June 5. Three families arrived from Pennsylvania, the older and younger Schulz Brethren from Hebron, with their wives and the two small children of the younger couple, and Christian Conrad with his wife..." June 12th the Schulzes decided to buy the 500 acres below thebridge over the Dorothea." Page 613, Book II, has: "J. Schulz has bought 400 acres in the south-west corner of lot 28, in the 9th deed." Vol. III, p. 1343--George Shulze is listed as owner of lot No. 50, corresponding to the lot No. 28 bought by J. Schulz. Lot No. 50 is shown marked on map in same position as on other map." Johannes Schulz had three children.

1. GEORGE. 2. Child, name unknown. 3. Child, name unknown.

II. GEORGE SCHULZ, son ofJohannes and Eva Soldner Schulz, was b. Dec. 3, 1730, in Riehen, canton Basel, Switzerland. In 1749 he moved to Pennsylvania, living first at Gocalico and finally at Lebanon, with the Moravians, by whom he was accepted 1759. On March 14, 1761, he married Maria Huber (Huberin). On May 16, 1769, he arrived with his parents at Wachovia, the Moravian settlement in N.C. and built three miles to the south of Bethania. He died and is buried at the Bethania cemetery Sept. 7, 1789, age 59 less three months. Maria Huber was born April 21, 1744, in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where she married George Schulz in 1761. She died Sept. 9, 1789, and is buried in the Bethania cemetery, Tomb No. 61, age 45. They had seven children, two sons and five daughters. One daughter died in Pennsylvania. At their death "Two daughters are married...Two sons and 2 daughters are still at home." Three grandchildren had been born, but one had died before the grandparents.

1. Daughter, who died in Pennsylvania before 1769.
2. Daughter, who was married before 1789, probably Maria who m. Gottlieb Ranke.
3. Eva Schulz b. Nov. 6, 1766, in Lebanon, Pa. She joined the Moravian communion 1782 in Bethania, N.C. She came with her parents and grandparents in 1769 to North Carolina. She married Jacob Stoltz, who was born April 12, 1760, in Pennsylvania. They were married 1786 in Bethania, N.C. and had three sons and one daughter, who married a Miller. Jacob died 1798, May 31, leaving his wife a widow.
4. Daughter, living at home in 1789, unmarried.
5. Daughter, living at home in 1789, unmarried.
6. John Henry Shultz b. Aug. 12, 1775, near Bethania, d. Nov. 18, 1847. On Sept. 3, 1799, he married Elizabeth Krieger (Kreuger), daughter of Jacob. She was born July 30, 1779, in Bethania, of Lutheran stock, according to the Archives, which say he was of the Reformed Church. Their son John Jacob was b. Dec. 4, 1803, N.C.
7. Johannes Schulz b. Nov. 16, 1772, died Dec. 2, 1846 or 1840, tomb in 6th row of Bethania cemetery. He married Christine Zimmermann.

(1) Christian Thomas Schulz born March 31, 1805, near Bethania, died May 18, 1882, and is buried at Bethania, aged 77 yrs., 1 mo. 17 days. He was baptized April 7, 1805, witnesses--Brother Johann Heinrich Schulz and Elisabeth Schulz, born Krieger. He lived four miles from Bethania and married Christina Mücke. She was b. Feb. 10, 1810, d. Sept. 4, 1882, buried in Bethania. Their children were: 1. Junius, killed in the Civil War; 2. John Henry, lived on the next farm; 3. Samuel, who was in the Civil War and moved to Pittsboro, Indiana. 4. Yetta Alspaugh; 5. Mandy, died age 14; 6. William Augustus, b. June 13, 1850, d. Feb. 26, 1805, m. Susanna Ziglor b. Nov. 23, 1858, d. Aug. 17, 1922.

III. JOHANNES SCHULZ, b. Nov. 16, 1772, d. Dec. 2, 1846- or 1840, buried in Bethania. He married Christine Zimmermann. Their children are not all known.

IV. CHRISTIAN THOMAS SCHULZ b. March 31, 1805, near Bethania, d. May 18,1882, and is buried at Bethania. He lived four miles from Bethania and married Christina Mücke, b. Feb. 10, 1810, d. Sept. 4, 1882, buried in Bethania. His son John Henry who lived on the next farm to William Augustus, appears to be the one buried in Bethania "b. Oct. 15, 1806, died Nov. 16, 1895, aged 89 years 1 mo. and 1 day, this grave being in the first row near the gateway of the cemetery." He was Mrs. Walker's great-uncle, and her grandfather, Thomas Christian Schulz, built the house she now lives in, she said, and brought his family up there. It is a fine old farmhouse with two big chimneys and has much of the original structure.

V. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS SHULTZ, b. June 13, 1850, d. Feb. 26, 1805, buried in Bethania. His wife was Susanna Ziglor b. Nov. 23, 1858, d. Aug. 17, 1922, buried in Bethania. Their children were:

1. Lillie E. Shultz Slater b. Nov. 20, 1882.
2. Laura A. Shultz Matsinger b. Dec. 16, 1884, married Arthur C. Matsinger. Their children are:
   (1) Elsie Matsinger Young b. Sept. 4, 1909.
   (2) Clarence E. Matsinger, b. July 12, 1911.
   (3) Irene Matsinger Cranfell, b. Oct. 15, 1917.
   (4) Arthur C. Matsinger, Jr. b. Oct. 15, 1919.
3. Mattie E. Shultz Walker b. Feb. 2, 1887, married David E. Walker.
   (1) Their son, Joseph Augustus Walker, was born Feb. 8, 1908, and died Feb. 11, 19___.
   (2) Herman Shultz Walker b. June 15, 1912.
4. William A. Shultz b. May 31, 1891.
5. Maggie Christine Shultz b. Dec. 2, 1893, d. Jan. 8, 1916.

(Above information was sent by Mrs. David Walker, Route 1, Box 394, Winston-Salem, N.C.) She also sent a list of names from the Bethania tombstones.

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III. JOHN HENRY SHULTZ, son of above George and Maria Huber , was born Aug. 12, 1775, near Bethania, and died Nov. 18, 1847. On Sept. 3, 1799, he married Elizabeth Krieger, daughter of Jacob. She was b. July 30, 1779, in Bethania of Lutheran stock, according to the Archives.

IV. JOHN JACOB SHULTZ, b. Dec. 4, 1803, near Bethania, N.C. d. 1833 and is buried at Bethania, the tomb having only the dates 1803-1833. On Feb. 15, 1824, he married Anna Margaret Krause b. May 19, 1804, d. Dec. 18, 1855, buried at Bethania. Their children were:

1. Edwin T. Shultz, b. Nov. 25, 1824, buried at Bethania.
2. Luesy Eli b. July 22, 1827.
3. Sibilla M. b. May 7, 1829, d. Sept. 22, 1846, aged 17 yr. 4 m. 15 d. Bethania.
4. Julia A. b. Nov. 4, 1833.
5. Elen S. b. Aug. 11, 1855, d. Jan. or Jun. 15, 1880, buried at Bethania.
6. Rufus Sala. b. Jan. 26, 1854, d. Sept. 14, 1854, buried at Bethania.
7. Mary Selesta b. Nov. 20, 1858.

V. EDWIN T. SHULTZ b. Nov. 25, 1824, d. Apr. 22, 1887, m. 1st Catharine Amandivella Conrad b. Jan. 20, 1836, d. Nov. 18, 1859. On March 7, 1865, he married 2d. Julia L. McLain, Julia A. L. Locke, b. June 30, 1841. The daughter Julia married Peter Marshall and they had six children, including C. H. Marshall, 3617 N. 67 Ave. Omaha 4, Nebr. who sent his genealogy.

THE FAMILY OF CHRISTIAN THOMAS SHULTZ

On August 1, 1955, Alice Mary Aiken received a letter from Douglas L. Rights, Archivist, Moravian Archives, Box 68 Salem Station, Winston-Salem, N.C. as follows:

"Enclosed are memoirs of Johannes Schulz, Georg Schulz and Maria Schulz, in photostat. Items from Records of the Moravians and church books give notice of purchase of land by J. Schulz, of Georg Schulze's land, of baptism of Christian Thomas Schulz with his father's name Johannes and mother's name Christine (maiden name Zimmerman), and of wife of Christian Thomas, Christina Mücke. It seems that the family line runs: JOHANNES, GEORG, JOHANNES, AND CHRISTIAN THOMAS SCHULZ.

"To save expense of photostat, I am sending printed map with circle enclosing area of Schulz land. There is also here the memoir of Eva Schulz, wife of the first settler of the family, Johannes. The expense for the photostats is $8.50. I hope this will be what you want for your family records and you can let me know if there is more you wish supplied."

"RECORDS OF THE MORAVIANS IN NORTH CAROLINA, Volume II, page 613.

(1752-1775). "J. Schulz has bought 400 acres in the south-west corner of lot 28, in the 9th deed; is to pay L 80: Penns. or L 85:6:8, N.C.; has paid L 34:4:6,NC."

Same volume, page 1343: "George Schulze is listed as owner of lot No. 50, corresponding to the lot No. 28 bought by J. Schulz. Lot No. 50 is shown marked on map in same position as on other map."

BETHANIA CHURCH RECORD BOOK, page 113: Baptism Register. "No. 197. Born 31 March 1805--Baptized 7 April 1805. CHRISTIAN THOMAS, little son of the married Brother and Sister Johannes Schulz,farmer near Bethania, and Christine, maiden name Zimmermann. Witnesses were: (1) The married Brother Christian Hege. (2) The married brother Johann Heinrich Schulz. (3) The married Sister Johanna Hege, born Diez. 4. The married Sister Elizabeth Schulz, born Krieger. The baptism was performed by Christian Thomas Pfohl, Pastor loci."

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BETHANIA CHURCH RECORDS: "Christian Thomas Scholz, born 21 March 1805 near Bethania, a farmer and distiller (or cooper) 4 miles from town. Married Christina Mücke. His parents were: Johannes Schulz and Christine (maiden name) Zimmerman. The former was born 16 Nov. 1772.

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The ancestry of this family is therefore as follows:

I. JOHANNES SCHULTZ (old spelling SCHULTHEISS), born July 15, 1703, in the village of Richter or Riehen, in canton Basel, Switzerland. On January 16, 1730, he married Eva Soldner. They had three children.

II. GEORGE SCHULZ, born Dec. 3, 1730, in the village of Riehen near Basel. In 1749 he emigrated with his parents to Pennsylvania. He died Sept. 7, 1789, leaving two sons and four daughters of seven children. He married Maria Huberin.

III. JOHANNES SCHULZ, FARMER,near Bethania, who married Christine Zimmermann. He was born Nov. 16, 1772, and died Dec. 2, 1840 or 1846, according to the tombstone in the 6th row of the Bethania, N.C. graveyard.

IV. CHRISTIAN THOMAS SCHULZ, born March 21, 1805, near Bethania, married Christina Mücke; he lived four miles from Bethania on a farm. He had six children: 1. Junius, killed in the Civil War; 2. John Henry, lived on the next farm; 3. Samuel Shultz, who was in the Civil War and moved to Pittsboro, Indiana. He had one girl who died. 4. Yetta Alspaugh, who founded a Methodist Church. 5. Mandy, died age 14. 6. William Augustus d. 1905, age 55, whose children were Mattie, Lily, Laura, W.A. and Maggie Christine. Tomb shows "Christia n T. Shultz d. May 18, 1882, age 77 yrs."

The following photostats from the Moravian Archives in Winston-Salem, N.C. were translated from the German upon the request of Alice Mary Aiken:

"PERSONAL ITEMS REGARDING BROTHER JOHANNES SCHULTHEISS (OTHERWISE SCHULZ). 1788 (3). From his account of his experiences in these times,the following memoirs have been gathered. He was born July 15th, 1703, in the village of Richter, in Canton Basel. In his fourth year he became very nervous because of a punishment inflicted by his mother for disobedience. She took an opportunity at a moment where foliage was being burnt to make him strongly aware that disobedient children would be thrown into a much greater fire out of which they could not escape, neither could they die. He took this so keenly to heart that from then on he was very uneasy. He lost his mother early but he was able to care for her all through her eight weeks of illness, but shed many tears thereby. In the year 1730, the 16th January, he married Eva Aldner, who passed away one year ago. This marriage God blessed with three children. During all this time he was very disheartened about himself and the state of his soul. His greatest difficulty lay in the fact that he could not reveal his need and soul-anxiety to anyone. In 1739 he became acquainted with a group of revivalists. The opportunity for this came about when some others wished to persuade him to accompany them to a saloon. He resolved very quickly against that. He fled as fast as he could and hastened to the house where revival meetings were held. He knocked on the door and told them of his purpose, namely to be converted with his whole heart. Now he began for the first time to understand himself. This brought him into such anxiety that it often occurred to him to take his own life. Then he thought, "With that you would do no honor to Jesus, nor would that please Him, because then unconverted people would say, 'There it is evident what comes of their meetings. It results in insanity and leads to suicide.'"

"Once when he again became so fearful and could find no way out he thought he heard some call out to him, 'Don't overdo it! Your sins are forgiven; hold fast on Jesus, who has atoned for your sins and has paid all your indebtedness.' This impressed him so deeply that suddenly he lost all fear, and from then on, he could bring everything that caused him anxiety, from within or from without, to the Lord. Once, when by his work in the vineyards he became tired, hungry, and thirsty, he began to think it unfair, that others had life so easy, while he, by his hard work, could not allay his thirst, even with a drink of sour wine or milk. As he felt himself growing angry, he thought: "Did not your Savior have to suffer still greater thirst? And He was on the Cross. Your lot is not nearly so hard!" This thought made him ashamed, so that he took a piece of his hard bread, went to a spring and dipped the bread into the water, then thanked God for what he had. It often happened that he and his family had nothing at all to eat, and some, whom he knew had fruit in store, denied him any on credit. He then turned in prayer to his Lord for help, and Behold, people, from whom he least expected, brought bread, flour and peas, so that the whole family had enough for four weeks.

"In the year 1749 he moved with his family to Pennsylvania, but, because he could obtain no good land there cheaply, he resolved to move to Schomoko. However, when he began arrangements, he saw in a dream an old man with a long white beard who said, "Do not move to Schomoko, nor across the Susquehanna for it will not go well with you there. Remain with the Brethren." This was repeated three nights running. Afterwards he understood that this dream was not without substance, for shortly after, war broke out with the Indians, 1755. He would definitely have been their prisoner. Now because life was very difficult for him in Pennsyl. not only because of poor land but because his neighbors tried to persuade him, he resolved to move to Carolina and came in May 1769 here to the Wachau. Here things were easier for him than heretofore, for which he often expressed his gratitude to the Lord under tears. In regard to his conduct among us during these years, we can witness that he had a simple, childlike faith in the Lord. If he noticed anything that seemed wrong in the conduct of others, he would become deeply agitated and would express

himself now and then. Otherwise, he was helpful and friendly toward everyone and was everywhere loved and honored. Although for some years walking was difficult for him, he still did not lightly neglect the church meetings for he said, "I always take home with me something that is useful to me during the week."

"In April, 1784, he became so seriously ill that it was believed that this time he would not survive; he expressed that he had always thought he would be taken in late autumn, but if the dear Lord called him home now, it would please him better. Then he said, "I promise to be true to my Savior, nothing shall sever me from Him.' This illness, however, was of long duration so that he was bedfast for four years. His hip became swollen right to the bone, which might have been caused by a former cold infection. This was a severe school of patience for him and for those who had to care for him. The Lord had perhaps His own wise plan therewith. He now became humbler, nothing more than a poor sinner saved by grace, free from oddities and self-righteousness, without honor, comforted only by the spilt blood and death of Jesus. "Oh," he sighed, "Let me never forget how much it cost to save me." He made use of his time to read Bible tracts and some beautiful verse which delighted him. Now and then he was visited by brethren, who would read tohim. For this he was most grateful and wished it might occur oftener. Also he appreciated deeply the devoted care of his nurse, and hoped that the Lord would reward her and bless her in body and soul.

"On the 5th of Aug. Bro. Beck visited him for the last time. He was already much weakened, but could still speak. Some few verses were sung and he was especially pleased with the verse, "Therefore is the Lord my salvation," and by the last line he exclaimed quite audibly, "If only I can be found in Jesu." In this attitude he awaited the blessed moment of departure, since as a poor sinner he "would see the Lover of souls in person and kiss His wounds." It happened in the morning at 4 o'clock when he quietly passed away to Him. He had reached 85 years less 4 days. His marriage was blessed with three children, of whom one son, with whom he stayed, is still living. Of this son's family he lived to see six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Of the latter one has preceded him in death."

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Book 1, 1752-77, printed Moravian Records, p. 391 has this item: "June 5. Three families arrived from Pennsylvania, the older and younger Schulz Brethren from Hebron, with their wives, and the two small children of the younger couple, and Christian Conrad with his wife, also a single man by the name of Feiser. After resting a few hours Br. and Sr. Conrad went on to their farm four miles from Bethabara on the west line ofWachovia (which his father, Jacob Conrad, had bought the preceding year, and on which a cabin had been erected on the 19th of the past month, by men from the South Fork.) June 12th the Schulzes decided to buy 500 acres below the bridge over the Dorothea."

(Note: Dr. Rights told us the Dorothea flowed from Bethabara to Muddy Creek, but it seems to be the same stream. V. 3, 1776-79, has a map showing the "List of Land Owners in 1779 and earlier, in Wachovia." It shows No. 50 for George Schulz, which is in the forks of Muddy River. He was between 49 on the north (John Shaub, Jr.), and 52 on the south (Joseph Leinbach), which was right at the forks. He joined 51 (Will Volk) on the east. Above 51 was 48 (John Jacob Kapp). 48 joined 47 on the east, and not far above this was the town of Bethabara. 47 was Bethabara Mill land on the stream. Bethania was on the other stream in a fork up above 49. No. 57 was John Conrad and No. 60 Silvester Thompson. See p. 1343, Vol. 3-4-5, for map. Dr. Rights finally decided the Dorothea and the Muddy Creek were the same stream

The printed Moravian Archives, V. 4, p. 1923, lists in Bethania George Schulz, 1730, and Johannes Schulz 1703. P. 1619 has: "Bethabara Diary, 1780. May 21, Br. Stauber was here for the service, and on his way home stopped to see old Br. Schulze. He had hardly started on his way again when something stung his horse, which began to kick, and he was thrown, hurting himself badly on the hand and one arm, though nothin seems to be broken."

"THE MARRIED BROTHER GEORG SCHULZ (GEORGE SCHULTZ), who passed away in peace on 7th Sept. 1789, wrote nothing of his life experiences in this generation. Thus only the following information can be reported: He was born on the 3rd Dec. 1730 in the village of Riehen near Basel. He was brought up in the Reformed religion. Because his parents, Johannes and Eva Schultzens, were both converted, and attended the meetings of the converted in their village, he therefore enjoyed a good and careful upbringing, whereby he did not remain untouched by the knowledge of the Savior's mercy and grace. In 1749 in his 19th year, he emigrated with his parents to Pennsylvania. Since they at first dwelt in Gocalico, and finally in Lebanon, where they became connected with the Brethren congregation, our departed brother had also the opportunity to hear the gospel-story of the atonement for sinners through the death of Jesus. This had a strong effect so that he began to worry about his soul's welfare and sought forgiveness for his sins by the Lord, who granted him grace. In 1759 he was accepted by the Societaet, and in 1761, March 14th, he married Maria Huberin (Huber) who was also a member. In 1766 he and his wife were taken into the church as members. In August 1767 they were accepted together to partake of the Holy Communion. 1769 on the 16th of May he came with his parents and his young family here to the Wachau (Wachovia) and built three miles from here to the south. (From Bethania).

"Further report concerning him is that he possessed an honest, open nature, did not use many words, but what he said came out short and round, which seemed strange sometimes to others, but one could notice that he spoke acoording to his understanding All those that knew him liked him because of it. He could not express himself about his feelings, only that he considered himself as a sinner, and was unworthy of the mercy that was shown him and yet longed for more gratification. So he lived joyfully until three years ago when something happened that he could not participate in, and he had to lose our church associations and the holy communion fellowship, because he thought he was right. However, he could not rest until he understood and, as a sinner, pleaded to be accepted again. To his great joy last year he and his wife were readmitted and, shortly afterwards, allowed to partake of the holy communion. This brought happiness and gratitude. Since then he has been in joyful attitude toward the Lord.

"At the end of August this year, his wife and son and, two days later, he himself, became seriously ill with a high fever, wherewith he was so badly attacked that he took to his bed. During the first days he was discouraged and sighed, if only the Lord would have pity on him and heal him so that he could take care of the seeding. But he was willing to abide by the Lord's will. The medicines used availed nothing and he became weaker and weaker. From now on he was visited and, on 6th September, as he was found to be very weak, a funeral liturgy was held while those present wept. The Lord's blessing was felt and peace was with him. After this he gently passed away. His age was 59 years less 3 months. He left behind him 2 sons and 4 daughters. Two daughters were married and he lived to see three grandchildren, one of which passed on before him in death." (Translated from the German.)

Another memoir translated verbally by Dr. Rights gave the same information but said: "He built three miles from Bethania . Previously, he had been very poor but was well provided in inner things till three years ago when he withdrew awhile and then came back in. At the end of August this year his wife and youngest son were admitted. He was sick with fever and on the 7th of Sept. at 10 o'clock in the morning, at the age of 59 years 3 months, he fell asleep. There were seven children, two sons and four daughters survived him. He had three grandchildren, two surviving him."

The catalogue in the Museum offices says both George and his wife Maria died at Bethania and their graves are arranged by choir. Maria Shulz is in the married women's choir. Dr. Rights wrote that the Records of the Moravians, V. III, p. 1343, has "George Shulze is listed as owner of lot No. 50, corresponding to the lot No. 28 bought by J. Schulz. Lot No. 50 is shown marked on map in same position as on other."

"(2) (4) THE MARRIED SISTER MARIA SCHUTZENS (SCHULZ), maiden name Huberin, was born 21st April in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, 1744. During her youth she had the opportunity to become acquainted with the Church of the Brethren which brought her blessing. She learnt to know herself as a poor sinner, turned to her Savior and experienced His compassion. In 1760 she was received into the Societaet. In 1761 on the 14th of March she was married to her late husband Georg Schulz in Lebanon. In 1766 she, together with her husband, was present with the congregation for the Holy Communion. In 1769, shemoved here to Wachau (Wachovia), where she arrived safely on the 16th of May and settled on a site three miles from here, where she experienced the Lord's blessing. She was immediately recognized as communion sister. She enjoyed a happy family life with her late husband, which was blessed with 2 sons and 5 daughters. One daughter passed away in Pennsylvania. Two daughters are married. They belong to this church as communion sisters. Two sons and 2 daughters are still at home, of these the oldest is a communion member. On the 22 August this year, she was obliged to lie down because of a high fever. Two days afterwards, her husband was also ill. Then also one of the sons. Her husband passed away before she also was taken away peacefully. At first it appeared not to be serious with her illness, but after 8 days she became very ill, so that she was mostly unconscious, but lay patiently quiet. When her husband passed away she seemed to take little notice, but soon after she expressed herself, saying she would soon follow him and they would celebrate the wedding song-festival, which she had always had in mind, together with the Lord. She became now weaker and weaker. Finally arthritis* set in and that certainly hastened her end. She received, on the 8th, the final blessing and on the 9th in the evening around 5 o'clock she fell gently asleep in the Lord.

"We can witness that our sister was a forgiven sinner and was true to her Savior. Three years ago she was misled against the will of the Lord to do something that lost her the association with the church. She, however, could not rest in such circumstances and begged for re-admittance. And now for a year she has been in the congregation and has participated in the Holy Communion. She was a true mother who brought up her children well. For her husband she was in every respect a true helpmeet, especially had she a gift that she used well to help him in the outdoor work. Yes, one can say that, because of her industrious aid, much depended on her arrangements. In every way she loved her husband who in turn loved her dearly. She gave him the utmost respect, and so they enjoyed life with one another until the end. Her age was 45 years and 4 months." *Arthritis is also translated "cramps."

On the same page is an obituary of a boy eleven years age, baptized by Brother Ernest, who died 1778: "He had acquired a bad habit of eating glue or soot from the stove. His mother had earnestly tried to break this habit, but it had become almost a disease with him. He lost his natural complexion as he practised his bad habit secretly. This may have caused him to become ill. Shortly before, on Sept. 21, his mother discovered that he again had been eating soot. Very soon after he suffered from cramps and lost the power of speech. On the 23d the Lord had pity on him." His names was Johannes Seiler.

Another memoir on Maria Huber Schulz translated verbally by Dr. Rights said: "Three years ago they were led astray and lostto the congregation, but they were not at peace and were received back again in the congregation. She had dropsy and died 9th Sept. 1789, two days after her husband, at five o'clock, age 45 years, 4 months, 19 days." Her memoir is No. 61 and her husband's No. 60. Her grave in Bethania cemetery is also No. 61. George's grave is not found yet.

There is also in the archives a memoir of Eva Soldener who married Johannes Schulz, which should be translated. She came from Canton Riehen, Basel,Switzerland. Others who came from Basel were Spoenhauer, also Muttents b. 1726, who was in York County, Pa., arriving 1749.

There are eight volumes of Moravian Records published by the State. Vol. 1 is 1752-1771, V. 2 is 1752-1775. They can be bought for $1 per volume but some are not available. There are two Shultz names in Vol 1. Vol. 2 has an item on J. Shultz. Frank Horton of the Information Headquarters told us there were people in the region as early as the 1730's but it was 1753 when the first settlers arrived at Bethabara from Bethlehem, Pa. The Bethania records have not been translated as yet by Dr. Rights, Archivist.

V. 4, p. 1614, printed Moravian Records, has an item in the Bethabara Diary, 1780, that taxes must be paid to the sheriff in Bethania. "Jan. 10. This morning it began to snow. Feb. 11. Johannes Krause was here asking for the baptism of his child, so Br. Lorenz went thither today, and held a service in his house. The child received the name Andreas; sponsors were GEORGE AND MARIA SCHULZ... About 50 persons were present, half of them children, for the schoolmaster of that neighborhood came bringing the school."

V. 4, p. 1512 has: "The first engagement for the American people was the battle of Ramsour's Mill, June 20, 1780, near the south fork of the Catawba River in North Carolina. The real turning of the tide of their future came in October, 1780, at King's Mountain, N.C. where Ferguson and his men were defeated. North Carolina troops suffered severely in the disaster of 1780. Washington had sent all North Carolinians of the Continental Line to the support of Charleston, and when that city was forced to surrender all of the men who had not been killed were captured."

Page 1517 says: There was a Congress in Wachovia in 1780.

Page 1513: "Thecontinuance of the war unrest during this year has often encircled us with danger and difficulty...particularly during a night attack of light horse on Br. & Sr. Fritz in the English School-House...Bethabara...during Sept., Oct. & Nov. when as many as 2,000 men were quartered there at different times, and had to be supplied." Page 1515: "Attempts were made to class us among the hated Tories." They seemed to be pacifists.

Vol. 5, 1784-1792 has: July 17, 1788. "July 11, 1788. I went by Bethania to the old 85 years old John Schulz. He was called to the Lord. Readmitted brother and sister Schulz and Mr. Schulz to the congregation." . . . "Oct. 6, Jacob Schulz came from Chriansbrum and brought letters from Pennsylvania." P. 2255: "July 5, 1785: I visited the old Father Johann Schutz, who has been bedridden for more than four years... July 11, George Schultz announced that his old father had passed away peacefully this morning about 4 o'clock." P. 2106: "By request I visited old Br. Shulz who has been confined to his bed for a year and a day." (Also from the Bethania Diary.)

The Bethania Diary, 1785, says: "April 25, 1785. We made our first visits to certain members and friends living outside the town...from there to Andreas Volks... back to Shultz...one of the Shultz children showed us the way to the Shallowford road..to John Krause..Andreas Volk...Casper Stoltz." P. 2031 has: "Gottlieb Rank's father asking Maria Schulz for his son Gottlieb, the Lord approved." 1784: "Married July 29, wedding of Gottlob Ranke and A. Maria Schulz, love feast in afternoon. P. 3639 Vol. 8 has Anna Maria Schulz. It also has Rev. Samuel Renatus Hubner, but no Rudisill.

The Catalogue of Salem, Bethabara and Bethania, 1794, p. 146 says: "Jacob Stoltz born April 12, 1760, in Pennsylvania, and his wife EVA born SCHULZ Nov. 6, 1766, Lebanon, Pa. Reformed. Received her 1782, him 1783, Bethania. They were married in Bethania 1786 and had three sons and one daughter who was a Miller. Jacob died 1798, May 31, and left Eva a widow." (Note: Frank Horton said they used to use a wedding ring as one was made by Vogler in 1818 for his wife, and they had a religious ceremony. In New England only a civil ceremony was allowed.)

Mrs. David Walker sent 20 inscriptions and said "I don't guess I found them all for the stones were so worn we could not make out the names on some of them." Those listed elsewhere are not repeated below, such as Eva, Johannes, Maria, Christian T., J. Jacob, Edwin T., Sybella, Catharine A., Christine (Mickey), William Augustus, Rufus S., Susanna (Ziglor).

Christian Shultz b. Mar. 10, 1782, d. Dec. 16, 1829.
Mary Shultz b. Jan. 16, 1805, d. July 6, 1885.
Anna Catharine Shultz b. Nov. 5, 1815, d. Feb. 7, 1901. (My aunt, married a Schaub.)
Annie Marie Shultz b. May 19, 1824, d. Dec. 18, 1855.
J. Permaine Shultz b. Aug. 31,1832, d. Dec. 19, 1862.
Antoinette M. Schultz, b. May 14, 1840, d. Mar. 12, 1855.
Catharine A. Shultz b. Jan. 21, 1836, d. Dec. 18, 1859.
Ellen S. Shultz b. Aug. 11, 1855, d. June 15, 1880.

Alice Mary Aiken and I made a trip in June to North Carolina and Virginia,1954, and we copied down others additional stones. The stones are small square flat stones laid flat, and are all uniform in rows. The married womenare in one "choir" and the unmarried in another, the children in another, while the men are also separated. It is a very beautiful cemetery with old cedars and red cardinal birds. Mrs. Walker says they take care of 16 Shultz graves, and all the graves are decorated each year, which is a famous sight in Winston-Salem and nearby, as is also the Easter sunrise ceremony. No. 1 is Barb. Freum nat. 1696, dec. 1768.

No. 27 is Eva Schultz nat. Dec. 1705 ob. May 7, 1779.
May Shultz born Jan. 16, 1805, d. July 6, 1885.
John Shulz b. Nov. 16, 1772, d. Dec. 2nd 1846 or 1840, not clear.

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In the Moravian Archives, Winston-Salem, Dr. Rights showed us a very big old Bible printed 1765 in Neuremburg, given to them by J. Weston Clinard, 563 9th St., N.W., Hickory, N.C. The line is Gottfried[1] Samuel[2] Jacob[3] Shultz. "Records of Jacob and Elenora Shultz and Childrens Age":

"Jacob Shultz was born 1792 the 20 January.
Elenora Shultz was born 1797 the 13 October.
Sandford Benjamin Shultz was born 1815 the 2d June.
Maria Louisa Shultz was born 1817 the 6 May.
Romolus Agustus Shultz was born 1819 the 11 August.
Edmund James Shultz was born 1812 4th of August.
Lewis Theodore Shultz was born 1824 the 14th July.
Gideon Samuel Shultz was born 1827 the 6 May.
Martha Rebecca Shultz was born 1829 8th December.
Caroline Susen Shultz was born 1832 the 4th May.
Charlotte Elizabeth Shultz was born 1834 the 6th September.
Charles Frederick Shultz was born Oct. 1, 1837.
Jacob Shultz died 15 July 1848."

Gottfried[1] Shultz appears to have been born 1750 at Nazareth, Pa. or that may have been the date of his death. Jacob was the son of Samuel, the shoemaker in the village of Salem, whose little shop still remains on the main street. I took a picture of it. In the Boys' School room at the Museum is a stunning primitive painting of his two children, a boy named Parmenio Thomas Shulz and a girl named Antoinette Shultz b. about 1816. (These names occur in the Bethania graveyard.)

Dr. Rights said the Reformed Church was not the same as the Moravians in Germany. He said the Moravians bought 100,000 acres of land in N.C. for Wachovia, which means "Green Meadows," the name was taken from the estate of Count Zinzendorf who helped the Moravians to revive their religion.

NOTES ON THE MORAVIAN SHULTZ FAMILY

Dr. Douglas L. Rights, Archivist, Moravian Archives, Box 68, Salem Station, Winston-Salem, N.C. has charge of the files which contain lists of births, deaths and memoirs kept in German. These can be ordered either in translation or by photostat. He told us there are 12 Moravian churches now in Winston-Salem and 700 in his own church of which he is minister. He says there are 7,000 Moravians in the city, and 15,000 in the Southern States.

Mrs. David Walker's old farm still goes down to Muddy Creek. The original farm was granted to her ancestors between Muddy Creek and Mill Creek. She formerly had the original grant for the land but it has not been returned froma lawyer to whom she gave it to look over. This grant would prove the ancestry. She said it was granted by an Earl in handwriting. She says all the old houses are torn down but hers and one lived in by her cousin Ed. We saw this old log house with a fine brick chimney and view. It sits in a blackberry patch and is used for storing hay. It is close to her house. She said her grandfather's place was near Muddy Creek but it is so grown up you cannot walk there now. She said there were three or four old log houses but the last one was torn down five or six years ago, except the one mentioned above of Ed. Mrs. Walker says she remembers the old bridge over the stream. Mrs. Susan Blakely, 858 Madison Avenue, Winston-Salem, N.C. is the daughter of John Henry Shultz of Muddy Creek and granddaughter of Thomas Christian Shultz. Mrs. Heinz now owns the John Henry Shultz place.

Maria Huber, who married George Schultz, may be of the family of President Herbert Hoover, which came from Pennsylvania to N.C. and was a German Quaker family. He probably has the genealogy of this family and would send information on it.

Mrs. Walker says her Shultz family had blue eyes and most were tall, and not so thin. All were Moravians. They raised corn and wheat and cotton and the land was fertile, all being farmers. She does not know her kin in Winston-Salem and said the Bishop in Bethania was a Shultz. She said her father could speak Dutch. All the grant has been sold but her piece of 90 acres and that of Lily who has 20 acres. They grow corn, oats, hay and watermelons. The old house of Mrs. Walker has batten doors, wood panels, exposed beams. It is on Shattalon Road. They use a tractor now, not horses. Her sister, Mrs. Laura M. (A.C.) Matsinger, is at 1058 East Polo Road, RFD, Western Salem, N.C.

The Bethania church is a fine building, quiet and lovely, with deep arched windows, each dedicated to some person. A note says the Old Father' Shulz potter's shop was next to the church, but does not say which town. The earliest two-story house in Salem belonged to a Shultz--it was unusual to build a two-story house then.

In Germanton at an old store we were told that the Treasurer of the Court House in Winston-Salem was a Shultz born near Germanton, but no Shultz lives there now and no Ladds, but they formerly lived two miles back. This was W.N. Shultz, 23 Vantage Drive, Winston-Salem, N.C. This is a very forlorn little town now.

RECORDS OF STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Book 10, p. 281: Sept. 3, 1832, deed between John Shut of Stokes Co. and John Henry Senseman (Tr.) John Shuts is indebted to Samuel Shutz on a note for $100.00 dated July 7, 1830, and so sold land to Senseman 19 acres, lot 2 to lot 4 to lot 4, regs. office No. 8, p. 52, conveyed by John Shutt by John Kele and his wife Magdalene Kele Apr. 11, 1822, other tract on South Fork of Muddy Creek containing 19 acres, including a mansion house where Jacob Shuts FORMERLY LIVED, both of these tracts being a dividend allotted to the heirs of Jacob Shuts decd. sons Charles Shutt & John Kele & his wife, Magdalene, the latter conveyed by Christ. Shutt by John Shutt & bearing date 22 Nov. 1822, reg. Book 8, pg. 66. Book 8, p. 56, Stokes Co. N.C. has Frederick Shult of Stokes Co. 6 Feb. 1823 and John Sides, Jr. for $80.00 paid by Sides, selling all tract No. 5 in the division of the land of Jacob Shutts decd. lying on the...both sides of the South Fork of Muddy Creek.

RECORDS OF STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Book 16, p. 561: 17th March, 1848, between JOHN SHULTZ and Augustus Myers of the second part and J. M. Stafford of the third part, all of Stokes Co. Whereas John Shultz stands indebted to the said J. M. Stafford in the sum of one hundred sixty dollars due by note and whereas the said John Shut is willing and and desirous to secure payment of the said debt and all such interest as may accrue thereon and all costs now therefore in consideration of the premises and for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid to the said John Shutt by said Augustus Myers the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said John Shutt hath given granted sold and delivered and hereby grant deliver unto said Augustus Myers a parcel of land lying and being in Stokes County on the waters of South Fork Mudy Creek containing nineteen acres and 127 perches, it being part of land which Jacob Shutt decd. possessed and by the distribution shares between the heirs of the said Jacob Shutt decd. and was allotted to John Y. Kell (Rell?) in right of his wife a legetee which piece of land being No. 3 is bounded as follows--beginning at N.W. corner of lot Number 2 running west twenty three & a half poles to the north east corner of Lot. No. 4, thence south with No. 4 one hundred and thirty one poles to the south east corner of No. 4, thence east to the south west corner of Lot. No. 2 twenty three and a half poles to a stake, thence north with No. 2 one hundred and thirty one poles to the beginning and also the tract purchased by said John Shutt of Charles Shutt of Muddy Creek in Stokes County, containing nineteen acres & 127 perches being lot No. 2, heired by Charles Shutt from Jacob Shutt decd... to Lot No. 1... to lot No. 3 south... to Lot 7...to Lot 1... and No. 8...to beginning... And also the following tract of land...on the waters of South Fork of Mudy Creek containing five acres...to a stake in John Shultz line... to Ripple's line...to beginning... also all my lot or parcel of land heired from Jacob Shutts decd. the boundary not known...

JOHN (X) SHUTT (SEAL)
J. M. STAFFORD (SEAL)

Witness: JOHN L. SHUTT, AUGUSTUS MYERS (SEAL). Deed of Trust proved by oath of John L. Shutt 22 March, 1848, John Hill, C. M."

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Stokes County,N.C. Book 4, p. 567, 1805. Between William Hughlett of Stokes Co. and ADAM STULTZ of said county, said Adam Stultz to William Hughlett in hand paid the receipt...on waters of Crooked Run Langley's (Taugley's?) Creek, Bostick's Creek ...on Jesse Briggs' line...thence west etc. between pointers in John Laid's line, etc. (Signed) WM. HUGHLETT. In presence of Henry Briggs and Wm. Briggs. December, 1805, proved in court by Henry Briggs. Robt. Williams, C.C.

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The following seems to be of Haywood County, N.C. Grantees: W.E. Shultz--to W.G.B. Barrett Book N. p. 20, Chat. Mtg. 12--1875. Also an item Chaney M. Shults, & Rufus--Grantee G.W. Messer, deed, Book 35, p. 220, 25 acres, Jonathan Ts. 1907.

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The above proves the following relationships:

I. JACOB SHUTS (SHULTZ), who lived in a mansion house on the South Fork of Muddy Creek, and whose land was divided before 1822 by the heirs as follows:

1. Charles Shutt.
2. Magdalene who married John Kele or Kell.
3. John Shutt of Stokes Co. N.C.
4. Christ. Shutt.
5. Frederick Shult of Stokes Co. who made deed 1823 for land on both sides of South Fork of Muddy Creek. He probably married Sally Hess Dec. 4, 1804.
6. Probably Samuel Shutt.

Vol. 5, 1784-1792, Moravian Records has an item: "Oct. 6, Jacob Schulze came from Chriansbrum and brought letters from Pennsylvania." V. 5, p. 2255, has an item: "July 5, 1785, I visited the old Father Johann Schutz, who has been bedridden for more than four years." Is he the same man as "old Br. Shulz,"who was Johannes Shulz?

APPENDICES: NOTES BY AURELIA M. JEWELL:
DATA ON THE DAMERONS IN NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Mrs. Jewell had the following notes on the Damerons in Northumberland County, Virginia, and the family generally:

William Dameron m. Nancy, children John Corbin b. Feb. 5, 1784, Northumberland Co., Va. 2. Molley Draper b. Dec. 18, 1786, m. 12/20/1809, Edw. Garner Richardson; 3. Luke William b. Mar. 30, 1789, m. 8/21/1816 Polly C. Dameron, dau. of Christopher. 4. William b. Feb. 5, 1792.

Christopher Dameron, unidentified, ch. Lucy S. m. 2/26/1825, Christopher D. Lewis. 2. Polly C. m. 8/21/1816 Luke W. Dameron.

Lawrence Dameron b. 1595 England d. 1660 Northumberland Co., Va. will prob. 12/17/1660, m. Dorothy d. prob. 1691. Ch. 1. Bartholomew b. 1645 Eng. d. 1710, m. 1666 Elizabeth Garlington. 2 George b. 1648 Eng. d. 1698, m. Elizabeth Dennis about 1680. 3. Thomas b. ab. 1650 m. Sarah Bledsoe, dau. of George. 4. Laurence b. ab. 1653 m. Jane. 5. Dorothy m. 1st Josias Gaskins, 2nd Samuel Mahan.

Bartholomew Dameron m. 1666 Elizabeth Garlington b. 1650 d. 1727, a deposition dated 3/15/1725 gave her age as 75.

George Dameron m. Elizabeth Dennis. Children: Elizabeth b. ab. 1681 m. 1701 Charles Ingram, dau. m. Capt. Ellis Gill. (1) Taylor, (2) Betty (3) Ellis. 2. Thomas Dameron (Col.), of age 1704, m. Ann (Ball) Pope 3rd Apr. 10,1727. Lazarus b. ab. 1690 m. Elizabeth Smith, first to leave Northumberland, to King George Co. later became Prince William Co., Va.

Christopher Dameron m. 1730 Sarah Ball, dau. George, children: 1. Bartholomew b. ab. 1731, m. Mary Waddy 2. Elizabeth b. 1734 ab. 3. Sarah b. ab. 1740. 4. John b. ab. 1744. 5. Joseph b. 1748 Northumberland Co., Va. d. 1818, Caswell Co, N.C. m. 1st Sarah, 2nd ____; served as private in Va. Navy Rev. 6. Samuel. 7. Grace. 8. Mary.

Thomas Dameron^{3}(Lawrence^{1}, George^{2} Thomas^{3}), Wicomico Parish; known as Col. Dameron, was Jr. until uncle's death (Lawrence^{1} Thomas^{2}), on 3/16/1726 was 43, b. 1683 was of age 1704, built 'Brick Walls' ab. 1785, d. 1750. Dau. Elizabeth m. Samuel Downing, Sr. 1742. 2. Thomas b. 1708, d. 1757, unm. 3. Winifred b. 1719 m. 1st Samuel Downing, Jr. nephew of Sr. 4. George b. 1731, d. 1801, m. 1762-3 Mary Ann Jones, dau. Chas. Jones, 5. Ann m. 1764 Thomas Waddy.

George Dameron b. 1685 d. ab. 1720, m. Margaret Taylor, dau. of Lazarus Taylor, sister of Abigail. Margaret married Thomas Winter after death of George. Ch: Elizabeth d. 1758 m. John Waddy. 2 Judith m. Richard Howson, g.s. of Capt. Seward and Elizabeth (Lee) Howson.

Joseph Dameron^{4}(Lawrence^{1} Bartholomew^{2} Christopher^{3} Joseph^{4}) b. ab. 1748 Northumberland Co., Va. d. 1818 Caswell, N.C. Children: George Ball b. May 30, 1771, Brunswick, Va. d. Nov. 19, 1848, Mo. m. Feb. 5, 1799, Mary Ann Moore, dau. Col. Moore of Va. 2. Dau. m. Knight. 3. Dau m. Thomas ____ (ch. Patience m. Eger, 2. Thomas, Jr. 3 Betsey. 4. Bartholomew b. 1755, d. 1847, m. 1798 Rebecca Malone 1781-1851. 5. Dau. 6. Dau. 7. Dau. 8. Dau. 9. Benjamin m. Matilda Mathis.

George Ball Dameron, children: William Moore (6) b. Dec. 1, 1799, Caswell, N.C. (Ch. 1. James R. b. Caswell, N.C. to Mo. 1830), d. 1839 at Mt. Airy, m. 1819 Eliza Ingram Dameron. 2. Joseph Coppage b. May 22, 1801, m. Salinda Dameron. 3. Patsey B. b. Feb. 1, 1805, m. Harrison Dameron. 4. Judith b. Nov. 20, 1807, m. Matt Richmond. 5. James Ball b. Aug. 4, 1809, d. 1877, m. 1829 Elizabeth Connelly (1808-1850). 6. Elizabeth b. May 4, 1812, d. young. 7. John Jones b. Feb. 17, 1814, m. 1833

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MARRIAGES:

Alexander Dameron m. Elizabeth Elmore, 1/15/1827.
Bartholomew " m. Lucy Lewis, 8/9/1830.
Charles " m. Sally Webb. Thomas 9/10/1810.
Charles " m. Betsey Taylor, dau. of Thomas, 2/26/1803.
Charles " m. Ann Pope, 5/3/1819.
Charles (widower) m. Jane Keene 4/17/1822.
Charles Y. Dameron m. Lucy Douglas 10/1/1833.
Christopher m. Gracey Smith Oldham, dau. of Thomas, 8/15/1792.
George m. Polly Davis 12/22/1828.
George T. m. Nancy Williams 9/12/1831.
George T. (widower) m. Mary AnnTignor 11/24/1835.
Joseph Dameron m. Sarah Hammock, ward of Geo. Hayden, 8/10/1841.
John m. (Mary) Sary Brown (22) 2/7/1792.
Joshua m. Nancy Lunsford (parents dead) 9/28/1789.
Leroy m. Frances Walker 7/15/1820.
Luke m. Jemima Harrison (widow) 9/24/1794.
Luke W. m. Polly C. Dameron, dau. of Christopher 8/21/1816.
Mordica G. m. Lucy Hughlett ward of Thos. W. 4/13/1829.
Robert m. Alice C. Shearman 9/14/1795.
Robert m. Lucy Dawson, of George L. 3/13/1837
Samuel (widower) m. Alice Giddings (widow) 1/3/1804;
Thomas (wid.) m. Chloe Pharis (wid.) 8/29/1793.
Thomas m. Ann Ball 4/10/1797.
Thomas O. m. Judith Clarke 8/22/1827.
Thomas m. Harriett Edwards 10/9/1835.
Thomas O. (widower) m. Harriett Clarke 2/8/1837.
William Dameron m. Lucinda Sandy 8/15/1818.
William (widower) m. Harriet Lewis 5/19/1832.
Elizabeth Dameron m. Richard Jewel 12/29/1832.
Alice (widow) m. John Davis 5/30/1810.
Alice Dameron m. William Giddings 5/12/1794.
Ann (widow) m. George Wilkins (wid.) 7/16/1838.
Ann Steptoe Dameron dau. of Thos. Jr. m. Richard Berryman, 4/29/1802.
Fanny P. Dameron m. James Burton 12/31/1822.
Mary m. William Barnes 6/22/1827.
Gracey m. William Y. Blundon 6/24/1829.
Molley m. George Blueford 6/26/1788.
Ann m. William C. Booth 9/9/1835.
Sally S. m. William S. Burton 2/23/1825.
Nancy m. Charles Coleman 4/1/1802
Mary m. John Cook,(widower) 1/24/1828
Fanny m. Christopher Cornish 12/8/1794.
Nancy m. Joseph Gillaspie 1/21/1843.
Polly m. Daniel H. Haynie 5/11/1816.
Nancy m. Nathaniel G. Hopkins 4/14/1821
Polly m. Geo. Jackson (widower) 2/24/1830
Catherine A. m. James Kent 1/10/1827.
Elizabeth (widow) m. George Jones 12/14/1801.
Lucy S. Dameron, dau. Christopher m. Christopher D. Lewis, 2/26/1825.
Nancy Dameron, dau. William, m. Wm. B. Lewis, 12/29/1812.
Nancy m. Charles Marsh 5/29/1801.
Mary C.W. dau. of Mary C., Dameron, m. Robert Pinckhard 12/11/1826.
Hannah m. Stewart Purcell, 1/2/1850.
Molley D. . . dau. Wm. m. Edw. Garner Richardson 12/20/1809.
Mary E. J. m. Chas. H. Rock 1/8/1850.

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Molly Dameron m. John Swanson (wid) 12/19/1806
Polly Dameron m. Newton Weymouth (wid) 1/7/1834

Margaret Dismukes (Burton) 1812-1894). 8. George Ball Jr. b. Mar. 22, 1816, m. Sarah Chappell, 9. Mary W. b. Dec. 18, 1818, m. Rev. James Dysart. 10. Sarah b. Dec. 22, 1820, m. James Dameron. 11. Dr. Warren T. b. Aug. 15, 1822, m. 1st Frances Horner, 2nd Laura McLean. 12. Willis Monroe b. Jan. 12,1824, m. 1st Ann Dysart, 2nd Annie Fisher. 13. Logan D. b. Oct. 21, 1827, m. 1st Mary Chappell, 2nd Lizzie McCombs, 3rd Cornelia Turner Jackson.

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Elizabeth Dameron b. ab. 1706 m. 1742 Samuel Downing Sr. children: 1. Thomas b. May 23, 1744, m. Sarah Ann Rogers 11/14/1799. 2. Samuel b. Oct. 2, 1765, m. 10/2/1765 Mary Robertson, dau. Dr. Robertson, Lancaster Co., no issue. 3. Elizabeth (Betty) b. Oct. 2, 1765, d. unm. 4. John b. May 1, 1775, m. Elizabeth Nutt,dau. Col. Wm. Nutt.

Winifred Dameron b. 1719 m. 1st Samuel Downing, Jr. nephew of Sr. b. July 2, 1728, d. 1751, m. 2nd, 1754, John William d. ab. 1761. Children: William, 2. Ann, m. Thomas Shearman. (Ch. 1. Thomas m. 7/2/1792 Hannah Rogers. 2. Samuel. 3.Winifred m. 10/17/1795 Kemp Hurn. 4. Alice Chinn m. 9/14/1795, Robt. J. Dameron. (Does not indicate if Wm. and Ann are by Samuel Downing, Jr.--probably are.)

Elizabeth Dameron's son, Thomas Downing b. 1744 m. 1799 Sarah Ann Rogers, had ch.: Thomas Dameron m. Betty Cox; 2. Edward m. Hannah Ball. 3. Samuel m. Mary Edwards. 4. Katherine m. Capt. Wm. Blackwell. 5. Elizabeth m. Cox. 6 Sallie m. Cundiff.

Ann Dameron^4(Lawrence^1 George^2 Thomas^3 Ann^4) m. 1764, Thomas Waddy, her second cousin;, son of Elizabeth Dameron (4) and John Waddy. Children: John, Thomas, Walter, Betty, Nancy, Margaret.

Elizabeth Dameron^4(Lawrence^1 George^2 George^3 Elizabeth^4) d. 1758, m. John Waddy, will dated 12/15/1748 (his will), children: 1. Thomas who became guardian of Nancy,dau. of sister Eliza. D., he m. Ann Dameron. 2. John. 3. Elizabeth m. 1st Joseph Dameron Feb. 1757 (ch. 1. Nancy by Dameron) m. 2nd Robert Pinckhard. 4. Mary.

George Dameron^4 (Lawrence^1 George^2 Thomas^3 George^4) b. 1731 d. 1801, m. 1758, Mary Ann Jones, dau. of Charles Jones. Ch.: 1. George Washington d. unm. 2. Thomas m. 1790 Elizabeth Willis. 3. Alice m. 5/12/1794 Capt. Wm. Giddings, ch. Geo. Dameron, 2. John, 3. Mary Ann Jones, 4. Sarah. 4. Robert Jones, last owner of 'Brick Walls' m. Alice Chinn Shearman Sept. 14, 1795, dau. Thomas and Anne Shearman.

Thomas Dameron^5 (Lawrence^1 George^2 Thomas^3 George^4 Thomas^5) m. 1790 Elizabeth Willis, ch.: 1. Mary Ann b. 1791 d. June, 1862, m. 1821 Isaac Brent. 2. Willis b. 1794, d. 1834, prob. living in Georgia. 3. Margaret Sarah b. 1798, d. Dec. 7, 1839, m. Lawrence Haynie 9/14/1831, Northumberland Co., Va. 4. Elizabeth d. unm.

Bartholomew Dameron^5 (Lawrence^1 Bartholomew^2 Christopher^3 Joseph^4 Bartholomew^5) m. Rebecca Malone. Children: 1. William Lewis b. 1820, d. 1906, m. 1841 Priscilla Cavens (1823-1866), ch. John Thomas (1845-1894), m. 1866, Josephine Lea b. 1847, ch. 1. Pensacola m. Guy Collins Million. 2. Mary Ann m. 1st Abel Burton, 2nd. J. M. Butts. 3. John d. 1851.4Sarah m. Hugh Dobbins. 5. Alex M. d. 1854. 6. Salinda d. 1846, m. Joseph Coppage Dameron b. 1801. 7. Elizabeth d. 1847. 8. Phoebe m. Barzella Wisdon. 9. Parthenia m. George Mathis. 10. Frances m. Samuel Burton. 11. George W. m. 1st Susan Lebban (?) 2nd. Eliza J. Mayo.

DAMERONS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR:

Abraham Dameron, Northumberland Pet.
George, fifer 6CL.
Jacob, Northumberland Pet.
Jesse, 5CL
Jesse, Sgt. Inf.
John, 2 Va. State Reg.
Joseph Dameron, Navy E.
Joshua, seaman, Navy.
Thomas, seaman, Navy.
George, Morgan's Rifleman
James, 4CL
John, 9CL
Thomas, Northumberland Co. militia, rec. to be Ensign 4/9/1781; in Capt. Geo. Ingram's Co.

WAR OF 1812--NORTH CAROLINA:

Thomas Dameron, Caswell County, 5th Regt.
Joseph Dameron rec'd 66.99 Pvt. N.C. militia 3/4/1831, ae 71 yrs.
George Dameron pensioned Lincoln Co.N.C.

1790 CENSUS:

Aaron Dameron	Jesse	Roger	William
Bartholomew	Mary	Onesephorous	Winifred
Elizabeth	Moses	Rachel	Joseph
George	Morris	Thomas	

MARRIAGES:

V. 18, William and Mary: Barbara Dameron m. Joshua Spilman 2/15/1794

Hayden's Va. Genealogies, St. Matthew's Ch. Ipswich, Suffolk, Thomas Ball m. Anne Dameron (widow), 4/17/1605.

Know County, Tenn. Acton Bible Rec.: Henry Dameron m. Sally Wright 11/5/1810.

NORTH CAROLINA:

Christopher Dameron, Caswell Co., Hillsborough
Joseph " Richmond
Joseph " "
Joseph " "
Onisephorus, Pasquotank Co., Edenton (lived in Va.)
Thomas, Pasquotank Co., "
Tignal, Halifax Co., N.C.

Sketches of Old Warrenton, N.C. by L.W. Montgomery, 356-58. Mr. Dameron from Eastern Va. d. 1920-21, m. Tempie Williams, several sons, 4 dau. (1) Julia. Wm. Dameron m. Mattie Jones.

VIRGINIA:

Va. Mag. of History V. 31, p. 357: Richard Howson, son of Capt. John Howson, m. Judith Dameron, dau. Geo. and Margaret (Taylor) Dameron. Geo. Dameron was the son of Geo. Dameron and grandson of Lawrence Dameron the immigrant who settled in Northumberland County in 1652.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, VA. The Damerons have been a prominent family of Dunlop Creek. John died 1828. Wife Polly. Children: Joseph (a lawyer), John, William, Andrew & Christopher. Look up History of Allegheny Co., Va. for Andrew Dameron. In 1840 Allegheny Co., Va. Andrew, Christopher, Isaac P. and Joseph William. V. 3, Va. Collections, 17 W (1) 242.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, VA. Marriages: Isaac Dameron m. Margaret Benner of Sampson, 1855.

BOUTETOURT COUNTY, VA. John Dameron m. Molly Hardy 1786.

NORFOLK COUNTY, VA., MARRIAGES:

Winona Dameron (wid.) m. Lem'l Coverley 7/4/1770.
Fanny m. Joseph Vesey 8/20/1779.
Farnewell m. Robert Gough 7/28/1795.
James m. Jane Keeling 12/22/1795.
Ann m. Richard Fryer 8/29/1799.
Ann (relict of Wm. Heath) m. Thomas Dameron (son Geo.) 1729. (?)

VIRGINIA: (no reference given except V. 21, Va. Mag. for John Harris mentions grandson Geo. Ball and g-dau. Grace Haynie Ball.

About 1764 Thos.Waddy m. his 2nd cousin, Ann Dameron, youngest dau. of Thos and Ann Dameron, sister of Geo. Dameron. On Nov. 10, 1766, Thos. Waddy was appointed gdn. for his niece Nancy Dameron whose estate was then in the hands of her stepfather, Robt. Pinckhard. Nancy Dameron's mother was Elizabeth Waddy, widow of Joseph Dameron m. secondly Robert Pinckhard. Hayden's statement that Geo. Ball probably m. Grace Waddy is due to fact that SarahHarris Haynie, mother of Grace Haynie Ball, widow of Anthony Haynie, m. 2nd Francis Waddy and in her will Sarah Waddy named her dau. Grace Ball.

American Archives 4th series, McKenzie I. ? Ann, wife of Thomas Dameron, mother of George Dameron, named in will of Geo. Ball as my grandson, Geo. Dameron.

LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE: Eva Cole, wife Michael Dameron, 8/7/1870-3/7/1904.

ILLINOIS: JOHNSON, MASSAC, POPE, HARDIN COUNTIES, p. 465. John M.C. Dameron, M.D. of Johnson Co., Ill. b. in Weakley Co., Tenn. 2/20/1824, father Chas. Dameron, b. in Ky. to Wilson Dameron who was b. in Va. removed to Ky. was scout to D.Bonne. Chas. Dameron d. ab. 1878 m. Mary Carson of Middle, Tenn. ab. 1882. John M.C. Dameron m. 1 Elizabeth Bucker in 1850, d. 1852, m. 2. 1855, Adeline Standard d. 1877, 1 ch. Leonidas, by Elizabeth Buckner. Children by Adeline Standard: Franklin, Emma, Mollie, Jennie, Lucy, Augusta, John. John M.C. Dameron m. 3rd, Adelia Knowles in 1878. She d. 1887. He m. 4th 1888 Alice Matheny Murdock.

Hist. Hancock Co., Ill. by W. Gregg, p. 700 (200?) Wm. P. Damron, native of Pendleton, County, Va. b. 3/7/1833, son of George H. and Jane (Lyon) Dameron, natives of Va. m. Catherine E. Segar, native of N. J. Ch. Lena L. and Wm. H.

WEST VIRGINIA AND HER PEOPLE, V. 3, 732-824, John S. Damron b. Wayne Co., Va. m. Mortylee Shannon d. 1902. Ch. 1. Florence m. J. M. Brown (Williamson, Va.), 2. Anthony Wayne b. 7/8/1882, m.(?) 26/1907 Sally Chapin 3/24/1890 (ch. 1. Clairk Allyn b. 12/13/1909. 2. Anna Eloise b. 2/24/1911). 3. Maggie m. Joseph Narcum (Dunbar W. Va.) 4. Mary m. I.C. Brown (Portsmouth, O.) 5. Richard. 6. George H. 7. Audra.

HISTORY OF NEW ORLEANS, V. 3, by J.S. Kendall, Frank Dameron b. New Orleans 11/11 1861, son of James Dawson and Camilla Davis (Palfrey) Dameron, m. 1894, Mary Margaret Ivy, ch. Robert Moore, dec'd and Alice Ivy, m. 1909 Isabel Duggan, ch. Frank Jr., Lillian Mary and John Palfrey.

HISTORY ADAMS COUNTY, NEBRASKA: Nicholas F. Damron b. Pike Co., Mo. 12/4/1838, one of 8 ch. b. to James T. and Martha J. (Thurman) Dameron, who were native Virginians. Father d. Minn. 1861, wife 1887. M. 1861 Francis V. Jefferson, native of N. Y. ch. Edith, James F. (Hastings, Nebr.), Birdie.

Mrs. Jewell also received a letter 1951 from Mrs. Wesley Waldrop, 1602 Miller Avenue, Murry, Ky., saying, "My husband's great-grandfather was Alexander Dameron Jackson. His mother was a Dameron from Virginia. Do you have a Dameron that married a Jackson?" She likewise sent me the following from Leo L. Holz, 417 Lewis Street, Los Angeles, and it seems that he worked on the Joseph Dameron line of Missouri etc., and made the errors which got into the DAR records, which I have noted in my section on the Caswell County, N.C., and Missouri Damerons. His letters follow, which show that the Huguenot story must have originated here also:

Feb. 15, 1939: "A few years back I put in considerable time trying to straighten out the records of the Dameron Family, and to that end I drew up several charts at various times and sent them to different members or relatives of the Dameron family, hoping to eventually get data which would straighten out my records. To some extent I accomplished something, though nothing to compare with my expectations. I had been working on several different families, and on some I got better results, so have put most of my time since then on those families. Also I had to modify my ideas on the Damerons in a few instances, so I do not even know whether the data you have seen accords with the latest information on the Damerons.

"All available data seems to show that there is but the one Dameron family in this country, which of course simplifies the search in that one extent, that we can know that every Dameron is a member of the family, and hence a relative in some degree.

"I completed the line on which I was working about four years ago, by the method mentioned above, as I eventually contacted a Mrs. Galbraith in Kansas City, Mo., who sent me a sheaf of data from her Family Bible which supplies the missing links in the chain. But on other branches of the family I have done very little since then.

"There are many families in the country who present quite an interesting Family History, and of course, all families here are derived from previous European families, although the connection in many instances is difficult if not impossible to trace. The Dameron Family is of French Huguenot origin. They left France during the Huguenot persecution and went to Suffolk, England, where John Dameron (1482-1548) founded the family which eventually sent pioneers to this country. The first American colonist was Lawrence Dameron who founded the Northumberland Damerons in 1652. So far as I have been able to discover, this Northumberland family is the progenitor of all the Damerons here, although the later branch which remained in that county is the one generally referred to as the Northumberland Damerons.

"Too often in genealogy, the names of female members of the family are slighted, and sometimes not even mentioned, as the tendency was to consider that inasmuch as the girls would marry and take another name, then their records would be included in the genealogy of that family. I have tried as far as possible to keep the female lines intact.

"One great aid to you may be in the records of the D.A.R. They publish a volume at frequent intervals (a few months apart) giving the names of the new members of the D.A.R. In the back of each volume is indexed the names of these members; and in a separate index is given the 'Honor Roll' that is, the names of those Revolutionary heroes from whom these moderns claim to be descended. Reference then to the name where it appears in the body of the book will show the complete line of descent claimed. There were two of these Revolutionary Damerons, at least; Christopher and Joseph. Oh yes, there is also a Bartholomew, and possibly others.

"You say you hope to eventually prepare a complete Dameron genealogy? I must say you are ambitious, and I wish you all the luck in the world; and furthermore I am willing to cooperate with you to the best of my ability. But I wonder if you realize what you are undertaking? Genealogy is a fascinating hobby, with the redeeming feature that it is a very useful and interesting one. But it calls for patience and perseverance. So if you want to compile a genealogy, don't expect to complete it this year, or next, or the next, but make up your mind that you will work on it until every detailed part has been carefully followed out. The essential requirement is this: don't give up if you seem to be checkmated; some solution will eventually present itself. And don't try to see how soon you can get it done; but do be sure about how accurately it is done. Don't guess at anything; or assume for instance that because an ancestor named John Smith was born about 1727 in Richmond County, Va., that he is necessarily the John Smith you find in some other genealogy born 1728 in the same county. They may be the same, but even chances they are not. I speak from experience. That is why I wish to know just what Damron genealogy of my preparation you have seen.. I made the error in the early days of assuming too much, and later had to correct my charts when the correct data presented itself.

"I have been working now for five years or more on two other families: Exline and Penrod. On the former I have had the best results. This family came to Pennsylvania in 1727; is the only family of the name in the country (the spelling Axline is a variation)... my present records include some six thousand names. The Penrod Family is also theonly family of the name in this country; settled in Pennsylvania in 1772, and was more prolific than the Exline Family, so my work is slower with it. The Exline genealogy is almost ready to publish; the Penrod family will take a coupleyears more work. The Dameron Family has been here nearly a century longer than either of the two mentioned, and has also been very prolific, so if you stop short of ten thousand names your records will not be very complete. Try looking up the name Dameron in the city directories of the various large cities; these directories are to be found in any large library. Will be glad to hear from you for any further data, and will be glad to help you get started and also help gather the data."

Another letter from Leo Holz was Apr. 26, 1940, but he did not answer the reply of Aurelia Jewell: "The fact of the matter is that Dameron data is very scarce, but principally it is so conflicting. If the early generations could have thought of some name other than Christopher, Bartholomew, Thomas, George and Joseph, it would have helped us immensely. You were interested in the identity of a Nancy Dameron, and as I told you in my letter I had found none in the records anywhere near the necessary age. But I just last week found one of that name, though the date is still a little uncertain. You said she was born somewhat earlier than 1800. The one I found was born between 1757 and 1765. Will this be too early?

"Her father was Joseph Dameron and her mother Elizabeth Waddy, who were married in February 1757, shewas also of Dameron descent. This father, Joseph, I have not been able to identify yet for sure, but this is her mother's ancestry:

"Elizabeth Waddy: b. abt. 1737, dau. of John Waddy and Elizabeth Dameron b. abt. 1710.

"Elizabeth Dameron: dau. of George Dameron 1685-1720 and Margaret Taylor.

"George Dameron: son of George Dameron 1648-1698 and Elizabeth Dennis.

"George Dameron, son of Lawrence Dameron 1595-1660, and Dorothy _____."

He wanted "any data on any Joseph Dameron" or "any Christopher Damron."

THE FAMILY RECORDS OF LOUISE H. DAMERON AND MRS. O.A. KEACH

Louise H. Dameron wrote: "Mrs. Keach wrote me at one time that she had always intended to write a Dameron genealogy. If you knew the address, some of her family might have records or maybe they gave them to an Historical Society in Wichita, Kans. I did not rate pictures of the family. My father died when I was a baby and was one of the younger members of the family. I do have a copy of a silhouette of Edward-Porteous Dameron, M.D. and a group of my father and his brothers, there were five. Have had none of myself in years. My list of children and dates were taken from the Bible of Nancy Ann Ball Dameron. The McCormack family have it. They are descendants of Mary Waddy Dameron, "Molly"--gr.father's will. The list was sent me by an old lady Miss Ella McCormack. I sent her a copy of Mrs. Keach's records. She wrote me: "Many of the names are familiar to me, having heard mother and grandmother speak of them. A Miss Lunsford visited grandmother when mother was small. She was a cousin. Aunt Louisa married her cousin Walter G. Carter. Grandmother used to tell me what a wonderful man your grandfather was (Edward Porteous Dameron). How he performed miracles of healing for those days. She did not know how to wash a pocket handkerchief when she was married but her father, Thomas Ball, gave her anumber of colored people to work for her. She also said that when the regular minister failed to appear our grandfather was called onto preach the sermon.

"Lawrence Carter Dameron, Towers Hotel, Brooklyn, N.Y. was the cousin who paid for doing the genealogy. Betty Peters Curtis and Marguerite Peters Stanford in 1951 lived in Edmonds, Washington, Route D. Box 3024. Their father, Albert Peters, lives in Hard River, Oregon. Their mother, who died some time ago was my cousin, the Dameron descendant. Albert Peters has married again. Lawrence above has no family but his sister has. I do not have her address. Bruce Dameron 141 1/2 South Osprey Avenue, is here in Sarasota, Fla. with his wife. He teaches at the high school. I do not know him but he is a most popular person at school.

"I am sending you some pictures to see what these Damerons look like. I think we all look more or less alike--long and thin. I have a lovely miniature of my father done from this photograph. Aunt "Lizzie" (Eliz. Kennedy-Dameron Thomas) really raised my father and named him. Mother was devoted to her. My father's mother had died.

"About a year ago I destroyed everything I could, personal things that no one else would be interested in. The consequence is I have no pictures now. I have a good many Downman records but find no Nicholls Downman among them. Robert Downman married Elizabeth Porteous, dau. of Robert and Eliz. Jennings Porteous. Their dau. Mildred m. Thomas Ball. I have the records back to the original William Downman. Did you realize that Ana Taylor, wife of Geo. Ball,Jr. was a sister of Elizabeth, who m. John Dameron. John Thent Dameron, son of Thomas and Ann Ball did not marry. We have no ancestor of the name Thent. "Violet Banks" was the name of Edward Porteous' home in Virginia. I wonder if that is where A.V.D. Pierpont lives. Posey Co. is in Indiana and not Ills. Page 33 you have Bar. and wife Mary deed to Richard Condiff, land in Lancaster Co. "Messuage" means a dwelling house and adjoining land. It was used in old English wills which I have read. Will Sir Edward Barkham 14 Jan. 1632 "an annuity of L 6-135-4d. out of the messuage called the Flower de Luce." Thomas L. Dameron m. Dec. 5, 1850, Campbell Co., Ky. Susan Kiser. Have known Miss Marshall Kiser all my life, and he must be one of her family but I do not know him. She went to Hawaii and married a sugar man there. You have certainly done a tremendous job on the Dameron family. It is awfully nice to have the photographs, makes the record much moreinteresting. I have been working on a Parker family for cousins. Have Ky. and Ind. records up to James^{6}, son. We are tracing James^{7}, Jr. He was b. N.Y. 1803-1850 census. Have written almost every town in Connecticut, I think. Do not know his mother's name or date of marriage or where they were m. nor who the Miss Belknap was who married Elijah on the date of that marriage."

SIR THOMAS LUNSFORD, NOTED CAVALIER

Sir Thomas Lunsford was one of the most trusted followers of King Charles I during the war between the Cavaliers and Roundheads, and there are a number of references to him in the contemporary documents of the period. He had red-hair and a fiery temper, and was said to have a twin brother, Sir Herbert, who died 1665.

The Dictionary of National Biography has this item about Sir Thomas Lunsford, referring to Addit. Ms. 5702, p. 119, and State Papers, Dom. 24, July, 1632, and 3 July, 1635, for his family, which was of Framfield in Sussex. "The son early showed a wild and impetuous temperament. He was charged in the Star-chamber with killing deer in the grounds of his relative, Sir Thomas Pelham, on 27 June 1632, and ordered to pay a fine of 1,000 L. to the king and 750 L. to Pelham. In August, 1633, he committed a murderous assault upon Pelham, and was sent, by warrant from the council (16 Aug . 1633), to Newgate, whence he contrived to escape in October 1634, although 'so lame that he can only go in a coach'. (Ellis, Original Letters, 3rd ser. iv. 204.) He passed over to the continent, entered the French service, and in April, 1636, was raising a regiment in Picardy (State Papers, Dom. 4 April, 1636.) In his absence the cause of the Attorney-General v. Thomas Lunsford the elder and others for conspiracy to take the life of Sir Thomas Pelham was tried in the Star-chamber in June 1637. The son Thomas was fined 5,000 L. to the king and 3,000 to Pelham, and for failing to appear to receive judgment he was outlawed. Two years later he returned to England, received the king's pardon and theremission of his fine (24 April 1639, 'at our Court at York'), and joined the king's army against the Scots. For Charles's Scottish expedition of the following year he commanded a regiment of train-bands raised in Somerset, conducted it from Warwick to Newcastle (June to 3 Aug. 1640), and was at the rout at Newburn. In December 1640, he was again in London, petitioning the commons for leave to stay in town, as his presence was required both by the two houses and by business of his own. A year later all England was alarmed by the news of his appointment to the lieutenancy of the Tower. The warrant for his installation was issued by Charles at Whitehall, 22 Dec. 1641, and the commission for administering the oaths on the following day. On the same day, 23 Dec. the common council of London presented a petition to the commons against his appointment. The lower house at once sought a conference with the lords. In this conference they described Lunsford as an outlaw, a non-attender at church during the three-quarters of a year he was in the king's army, and a ruined and desperate character. Among other libels circulated at the time was the rumour that he was a cannibal and in the habit of eating children. (cf. Butler, Hudibras, pt. iii, c. ii,l.4; Notes and Queries, 4th ser. xi, 171.) The lords declined to join in an address for his removal, and accordingly the commons proceeded singly (24 Dec.) to vote him unfit to be lieutenant. Theirpetition to Charles was supported in so menacing a manner by the lord mayor that Charles gave way. On 26 Dec. the keys were given to Sir John Byron, and Lunsford had to content himself with the honour of knighthood (conferred 28 Dec. 1641), and acoording to some accounts, a pension of 500 L. ayear. (Commons' Journals, ii, 355-8; Lords' Journals, iv. 487). He was subsequently called before the commons for examination, 27 Dec., and on leaving the house engaged in a free fight in Westminster Hall.

"According to Clarendon, Digby, after designing the attack on the five members, had recommended Lunsford for the post at the Tower because he stood in immediate need of a man 'who might be trusted.' When Charles finally left Whitehall (10 Jan. 1642), he was escorted by Lunsford, who two days later was reported to be at Kingston with a large force, and with the intention of marching against Portsmouth. The commons in alarm ordered his arrest, and on the 13th he was captured at Billingbear, Berkshire, the mansion of the Nevilles, his wife's family. On 2 Feb. he was admitted to bail, and before June was at liberty. On 1 July he was with Charles at York, and on the 29th took part in an armed demonstration against Hull. On 19 Aug. 1642, he received a commission to raise a thousand foot in Yorkshire, and on the following day was appointed governor of Sherborne Castle, Dorset, by the Marquis of Hertford,

with whom he retired a month later, 23 Sept., into Glamorganshire. He was present at Edgehill, 23 Oct. 1642, and made prisoner (a contemporary tract, 'The Examination of Colonel Lunsford,' dated 19 Nov. 1642, says 'at Kineton;' cf. Rous, Diary, Camd. Soc. p. 126.) He was imprisoned in Warwick Castle, and charges of treason were brought against him. (The Examination.) Lunsford remained prisoner in Warwick Castle until early in May 1644. On 6 May he arrived at Oxford (Dugdale, Diary, p. 66.) He was immediately put in command of a regiment, and is stated to have been selected by Charles to assist, with four others, Sir Arthur Aston in the government of Oxford. He then took service under Prince Rupert and became governor of Monmouth; Sir Nicholas Throckmorton afterwards accused him of losing Monmouth basely. He seems, however, to have resigned the governorship to his brother Herbert, previous to 7 July 1645. He suffered on 9 June, 1645, a total defeat from the Shrewsbury forces at Stoke Castle. About the time of the royalist defeat at Naseby he received, according to Lloyd, a commission from the king to consolidate the Welsh forces, but in December 1645, he was made prisoner at the capture of Hereford by Colonels Birch and Morgan. The commons subsequently ordered him to be removed prisoner to the Tower on a charge of treason. (commons' Journals, iv. 414.) While there he wrote his 'Answer to a Letter,' 21 June 1647 (cf. Gent. Mag. 1836, ii, 149.) He remained in the Tower till 1 Oct. 1647, when he was removed 'to the prison of Peter House,' Lord Petre's house in Aldersgate Street (Commons' Journals, v. 322,) and in the following year he was again at large. In December 1648, he was at Amsterdam, ready to cross to England (see Hist. Mss. Comm. 4th Rep. p. 275, where he is described as a red-haired man, and lame in his left leg), but he appears to have soon relinquished the Stuart cause as hopeless. On 7 Aug. 1649, he received a pass for himself, wife, and children to go to Virginia. According to the pedigree, (Harl. Ms. 892), 'he sould all and went to Virginia, and there he married his third wife.' He died probably in Virginia in 1653 (see order of the Middlesex quarter sessions dated 11 Jan. 1653-4, requiring Sir John Thorowgood, the second husband of Dame Elizabeth Nevil, grandmother of Lunsford's children by his second wife, to support them.) He was buried in Williamsburgh graveyard in Virginia (Notes and Queries, 1st ser. ix. 373). On 13 June 1691 the will was proved of a Thomas Lunsford who describes himself (in January 1688) as a baronet of Tooting Graveney, Surrey. He may have been a (bastard) son of Sir Thomas (P.C.C. 102, Vere.)

"By his wife called Lady Elizabeth Lunsford, alias Thomas, who survived him, he appears to have had three sons, Daniel, Richard, and John. Lunsford was married three times, first to Anne Hudson of Peckham, Surrey--she was buried at Down Hatherley, Gloucestershire, 28 Nov. 1638; and secondly, in 1640, to Katherine, daughter of Sir Henry Neville of Billingbear, who died in 1649, leaving three daughters. A third wife he married in Virginia. An engraved portrait of Lunsford appears in Warburton's 'Prince Rupert' and in a single folio sheet in the British Museum. Lunsford seems to have been created a baronet by Charles, but the patent was never passed."

The D.N.B. also contains a sketch of "Lunsford, Sir Herbert (fl. 1640-1665), stated to be a twin brother of Sir Thomas, was said, like him, to have been bred in the Dutch and German wars, and was concerned with him in the outrage on Pelham in 1633. At the muster at York in 1640, he was captain in his brother's regiment, and was present at the battle of Edgehill. In February, 1643, he distinguished himself at Rupert's capture of Cirencester. He was then made governor of Malmesbury, but was taken prisoner when Waller captured that place, 23 March, 1643 (Bibliotheca Glocestrensis, p. 173.) He was knighted on 6 July, 1645 (Walkley, Cat. of Dukes, etc.) having at the time succeeded his brother in the government of Monmouth. In October of the same year, he yielded up Monmouth to Colonel Morgan, governor of Gloucester. (Phillips, Civil War in Wales, ii. 280). He subsequently passed over to France, where in 1658, he was temporarily in command of three regiments. He returned to England evidently some time after the Restoration, he presented a petition to Charlesin 1665 (Cal. State Papers, 1664-5, pp. 68, 430), and was in command of a companh of foot in 1667 (ib. 1667, p. 559 He married Margaret,daughter of Sir Thomas Engham, bart. of Goodnestone, Kent, and left issue (Gent. Mag. 1836, ii. 154.)"

The Dictionary of National Biography also has a sketch of another Lunsford brother:

"Lunsford, Henry (1611-1643), second brother of Sir Thomas, was born at Framfield in Sussex, and baptised there 29 Sept. 1611. He held the rank of lieutenant-colonel in Sir Thomas's regiment at York in 1640, and was at Nottingham at the raising of the standard in July 1642. He was engaged in the action near Sherborne Castle, and subsequently at the battle of Edgehill in the same year, and was killed at the siege of Bristol, 25 July, 1643 (Clarendon, Rebellion, vii. 121, n; Mercurius Aulicus, 27 July, 1643.)"

References: Berry's Sussex Pedigrees; Collectanea Top. et. Gen. iv. 142; Harl. Mss. 892 and 5800; Gent. Mag. 1836 pt. ii, 32, 148; Commons' and Lords' Journals; Brit. Mus. Addit. Ms. 5702; Hist. Mss. Comm. 4th Rep. p. 275, 6th Rep. i. 25; Calendars of State Papers, Domestic, and of Comm. for Advance of Money; Clarendon's Rebellion; Bibliotheca Glocestrensis; Walkley's Catalogue of Dukes, etc.; Phillips' Civil War in Wales; Ellis's Original Letters; Ludlow's Memoirs; Dugdale's Diary; Warburton's Prince Rupert; Symonds' Diary of Marches (Camd. Soc.); Wright's Political Ballads, Percy Soc. (for his reputation for eating children); Granger's Dict.; Lloyd's Memoirs, p. 582; Lunsford's Answer to a Letter to Sir Thomas Lunsford, knt. and bart., dated from the Tower, 16 June 1647; Middlesex County Records, iii. 220; Gardiner's Hist. of England and Great Civil War.

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Sir Thomas Lunsford, 1610-1653, Lieutenant of the Tower, was of Sussex. His mother was Katherine Fludd. His father's family fortunes were decayed.

The Coppedge family traced its descent from Knights of the Garter through the Lunsfords etc. as follows:

I. Hugh de Stafford, K.G.
II. Margaret de Stafford m. Ralph de Nevill, Earl of Westmoreland. K.G.
III. Philippa Nevill m. Thomas de Dacre, descended from Sir James Douglas.
IV. Thomas de Dacre m. Elizabeth Bowes (related to Queen Elizabeth of England.)
V. Joan Dacre m. Sir Richard Fynes, Lord Dacre of the South.
VI. Sir Tomas Fynes. (Fynes is also spelled Fiennes.)
VII. William Lunsford m. Margaret Fynes.
VIII. John Lunsford m. Mary Sackville.
IX. Sir John Lunsford m. Barbara Lewknor.
X. Thomas Lunsford m. Katherine Fludd, dau. of Queen Elizabeth's Treasurer of War.
XI. Sir Thomas Lunsford m. Catherine Neville.

The greatest and most ancient noble families of England were those in the North--the Percys, Nevilles, Cliffords (earls of Cumberland), and Dacres, leaders of the Catholic faction. Ralph Neville of Raby was the most famous 1364-1425. The Nevilles were rivals of the Percys, and lived in Durham. Ralph Neville is in Shakespeare's Henry V. They were Earls of Westmoreland, with castles at Appleby, Brough, Brougham and Kendal. They continued to be Jacobite Stuart supporters. The senior line of Neville was extinct on the death of the earl in 1601, but there were male descendants of the first earl remaining, a younger line.

There were very few Cavalier refugees in Virginia. Tyler, July, 1926, has an article which says: "the land grants show that a whole train of people came in the company of Sir Thomas Lunsford, Major Mainwaring Hammond, Col. Philip Honeywood, Col. Guy Molesworth, and other cavalier officers. Some...established families in Virginia, such as Sir Thomas Lunsford, Sir Gray Skipwith, Nathaniel Bacon Sr., William Bassett, Thomas Batte, Lancelot Bathurst, Henry Benskin, Major John Brodnax, Roger Mallory, William Randolph, and John and Lawrence Washington." However, another source says about 350 cavaliers came at the time of the king's defeat.

LIST OF ADDRESSES OF THE DAMERON FAMILY

TENNESSEE:

Columbia, Tenn. County seat of Maury Co.
Ladd, Ray L., 19 Morgan Hgts.
Moody, nothing.
Damron, Oscar, 3rd Ave.
" Clinton T., 2108 Lawrence
Williamsport, Tenn., Maury Co.
Ladd, Emery, Santa Fe. Rd.
" G.C. no residence given
Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., Maury Co.
Ladd, Will, Scotts Ml. Rd.
Spring Hill, Tenn, MauryCo.
Ladd, T. N., Carter's Creek.
Santa Fe., Tenn., Maury Co.
Ladd, A. L., Water Valley Rd.
" T. N., " "
" Thos. R. Fields Hollow Rd.
No Moodys and Damerons.
Knoxville, Tenn.
Damron, C.A., Dagwod Rd.
" Alfred G., Maj. Alcoa Hwy.
Kingsport, Tenn.
Damron, Mrs. Anzie P., opr. Kingsport Press., 1034, Elizabeth St.

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" " Texaco Station,6216 E. Lancaster
" Jack, 111 Comanche Trial
" Stewart F., Ederville Rd.
" Auto Parts and Service, 700 Missouri
" Carburetor & Gen. Serv. 980 S. Main
" Dan 5504 El Campo
" Isabel 824 E. Arlington
" Jack P. 3025 Hanger.

Charles P. Damron, Attorney, Ozark Bldg., Farmington, Mo. (Wilson of Ill. family)

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" Rediford, Poplar
" Joe, Yeager, Pike Co.
" Hibbard, Route 2, bro. Yeager, Ky.
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" John, Yeager, age 75
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Frank Ladd, Yadkinville, R.F.D.
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John Wess D, Fords Branch "
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Obie " 220 E. 1st Ave. "
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Neibert Damron, Glen Hayes, W.Va.
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Logan Dameron, near Boldman, Ky.

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Mrs. John Damron, Highbottom, Ky. near Louisa
Arnold Damron, Dunlow, W.Va.
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Mrs. Mae, 810 Grove.
Minnie C., Mrs. 214 Baugh.
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Coppedge, Jno. will, cont'd, 27-d, ment. L. Pritchard (m. Mary Coppedge), Judith Smith, Winifred Short, 27-d
Chapul (Chappell), Sarah, m. George B. Dameron, Jr. 27-c
Clay, Edward C. m. Tribue 27-a
Clay, Mary, m. Joseph Dameron, Rev. sdd.27-a
Chappell, Mary, 27-e
Cropper, Mariam Damron, 28
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Connelly, Elizabeth M. m. James B. Dameron, 27-c

Damison, Sophia, m. 1837, Wm. Fox 28
Damerall, John, early in Md. 26
" James, will 1692, N.C. 26
" Lucy, 26
" Rachel, 26
Damon, John, 25
Damon, Catharine Bacey, wife of John Ladd, 25.
Damron, Julia, 27-a
Dameron, surname--this is also spelled Damron, Damerall, Damerel, Damrell, Dambrell, Damourell and in other ways, of the same family originally
Damerons of Northumberland County, Va.26
Dameron-Damron surname:
" Alex. M. son of Barth. 27-d
" Adeline, 27-a
" Bartholomew m.Elizabeth,27-c
" " 1745-1847, son of Christopher,27-d 27-d, 25
" " son of Christopher, 25, 27-c,27-d, 1745-1847 m. Rebecca Malone 1781-1851, 27-d; Randolph Co., Mo. m. twice, ch. by 1st wife: Alex M. Geo. W., Wm. L., Sarah M. m. H.C. Dobbin; Frances M. m. 1834 Samuel Burton; Phoebe m. Brazdia Wisdom; Parthena m. G.A. Mathis, Willis. Children by 2nd wife: James m. Sarah Dameron; Mary Ann, Lewis, John, Elizabeth, Senora. all 27-d
" Bartholomew, son of Sarah Ball, 27-c
" Bettie b. 1858, Bedford Co., Tenn. 41

" Christopher, of Brunswick County, Va. 24, 27-d, 27-f, d. Caswell Co., N.C. children: Bartholomew 1745-1847; Polly, Katie, Christopher, Nancy, Sallie, Patsey, 27-d
"Christopher, Northumberland County, Va. Will 1762-4, 25, 27-c, m. Sarah Ball who lived in Brunswick Co. Va.

Dameron, Christopher, cont'd (see Part One, p. 43, for details), children from Will 1764: son Bartholomew, dau.Elizabeth Copedge, dau. Sarah Lattimore, son John, son Joseph, son Samuel, dau. Grace, dau. Mary, pp 25, 27-c

Dameron, Doshea, w. of Wm. Dameron, N.C. 28
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" Elizabeth, 27-c
" Elizabeth, dau.Moses Dameron, 43
" E. C. son Logan Douglas, 27-c

" Fauna (Damrel), 28 m. Josel Jose
" Franklin, 27-c
" Frances, 27-f
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PART ONE: Chart B, which follows p. 12-d. Run a line over to the left from William to Lawrence, who was given land in Mattapony. Julia Old proved William was the son of Lawrence and not of Bartholomew, his brother, W. 1735, as now given in error.

Chart A. Cut Charles from under George Dameron and put him under John d. 1757. I have proved he was son of Charles not of George. Also cut the question mark beside George, as it is proved he was the son of George. Put a question mark beside "Moses, in Rowan, N.C. 1753?" We are not sure of this at all.

Page 58, add new page. 58-a. Then on p. 58 change to read as follows:

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON 1645-1708. (Cut line "Thomas Dameron etc.)
III. LAWRENCE DAMERON.
IV. WILLIAM DAMERON. Cut line "We have no proof in documents, etc." Then change No. IV to V, and V. to VI. on the page.

Page 62, add new page which I have recopied.

PART TWO : Page 44-A. Next to last paragraph, cut all after "in which case I would think...who named his first son Joseph b. 1781" except to leave in the sentence, "I believe this Joseph was in Botetourt County, Va. in Capt. Pryor's Company of militia, 1782.

Page 27-d change title to GEORGE BALL DAMERON, not William. Also p. 7-a 9th line from top, "This Joseph was the brother of George Ball Dameron" not father.

PART THREE: p. 13, 10th line from bottom, change the word "sons" to "children" then add to the same paragraph at end: Thomas Alfonzo Moody b. 16 Jan. 1866, d. 9th Nov. 1945. Same page, last line, is Richard Stults, not Shultz.

Page 21-b, 21st line from bottom,change "and died 25 Dec. 1903," to "and was married 25 Dec. 1902." (Note: The Arizona Republic, Phoenix, Jan. 7, 1953, had an article: "Wed 50 Years, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Damron, Thatcher, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at open house in their home. The couple were married Dec. 25, 1902, in Thatcher. They have 7 children, 25 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren."

page 19-b. Miss Aiken wrote to change the name of the church in letter of last paragraph from Wicomico to Yeocomico, saying: "I found out later that this very old church was Yeocomico not Wicomico. I also visited Wicomico Church near Mila and a man told me that the original Wicomico Church was not standing and showed me the spot nearby on which he said the original stood."

PART ONE: p. 23-e. Put a note at the bottom. Drury was the son of Dunmore Dameron, so the above was a wrong guess. See section on Dunmore Dameronlater.

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CORRECTIONS TO BE MADE IN THE MANUSCRIPT

1. PART THREE, page 4, is not yet written as we do not have the ancestry of Capt. John Damron as yet. Will send this as a supplement when we discover this. We hae the same line complete through Judith Dameron, dau. of Lazarus, son of George of Northumberland Co,, Va., however, as their daughter Anna Ladd m. Capt. John Damron b. 1757.

2. PART THREE, page 12, 3d par. Mrs. Dorius says John R. Shultz was b. N.C. not Pennsylvania, proved in 1850 census in Texas, where he was found with John, Dameron, Jr. "81 yrs. coop-farmer."

3. PART THREE. Mrs. Dorius also says George Washington Damron was not a bachelor but married Susanna Stewart and is listed 1870 census with his wife. Page 13.

4. PART THREE: Page 13, first par. Milton W. Damron married Sarah Pennington, not Pendleton.

5. PART ONE: Page 13, 6th paragraph. This is Margaret Taylor, cut word Elizabeth.

6. PART ONE: Page 27-c, on Note near end of page, 3d line, change date 1863-1834 to 1763-1834.

7. PART ONE: Chart C. Cut the Christopher listed as son of Christopher and Sarah Ball Dameron. Then on page 41, cut item "2. Christpher, not mentioned in his father's will," etc. Through an error in transcribing notes, a Deed of Gift dated March 9, 1762, rec. May 10, 1762, was believed to be a will, Northumberland County, Va. Book 6, p. 31. Christopher Dameron gave"unto his son Joseph Dameron one mulatto and three negroes. Wit. Barth. Dameron, John Dameron, Rodham Lunsford." This would be Christopher of Will 1764, and this Joseph the son of his wife Sarah Ball Damron. Mrs. Cornelius noted: "This Joseph Damron m. Patience Coppedge 1762, no month or day given due to the partial destruction of the marriage bond. Christopher Dameron did not own any land."

8. PART ONE: Page 51-a is a chart and the next page should be 51-aa "The Thomas Dameron of Kentucky." The original pages 51-a and 51-b were changed to the corrected genealogy which gives this Barth. as son of John, not of Christopher.

9. PART TWO: Page 7-abegins "I have lived upwards of thirty years," and page 7-a should be 7-b; the present 7-b should be page 8.

PART THREE: Page 11-a JOHNSON COUNTY, ILL. should be 11-c.

10. PART TWO: 47-c, which begins "Texas, Jasper County," should be 47-e. This was a type error. The correct 47-c begins "Annabel Walker sent the following..."

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